

Floating Zendo Business meeting 3/4/14

In attendance: Angie, donnalynn, Ellie, Jeffrey, Wendy

Treasurer's Report (Wendy):

The summary for 2013 displayed a negative \$1793 net balance. This was partly due to the need to subsidize the sesshin for \$830. We made a few donations, including Hakubai for flood damage repair (\$200) and the Friends for gas heat in the winter (\$100). Additional rent was paid for about 7 Fridays (\$35). Our weekly dana and other donations held steady. YTD 2014 shows a current shortfall of \$82 of income to expenses. Projected expenses & income forecast the spending down of our reserve by 70% by YE 2014. Income and expenses for August sesshin 2014 were based on 2013, which could easily change. donnalynn suggested we consider another fundraising letter at the end of the year and the idea was well received by others. No action was taken.

donnalynn (as Ino) reported that Nehan-e sesshin was a successful retreat with participants from San Diego contributing a lot of energy and depth. Angie announced that they are setting up a Sangha in San Diego and would like to be associated with the Floating Zendo. Right now that association will probably be informal. They do not have a website and are meeting at private homes.

The Sesshin Coordinator, donnalynn, introduced some of her ideas for August Sesshin 2014. It will be more expensive due to the increase in fees at Jikoji. She will negotiate our fees and also request the inclusion of our Sesshin dates (8/1-8/8) on Jikoji's website calendar. Regarding staffing, donnalynn favors a Tenzo Ryo. That would eliminate the cost of hiring an outside cook. The head Tenzo would create the week's menu and do a majority of the shopping, but not be tied to the kitchen. Karin has been translating a cookbook into English at Felsentor, which might be helpful to use. Arcata and Hokoji both have used this shared cooking arrangement. donnalynn will be breaking other jobs into smaller parts to encourage more active participation. Ellie volunteered to update the flyer from 2013. So the wheels are beginning to turn on the Sesshin process, even though the meeting ended.