

Minutes 1/25/15 leadership council meeting

Chuso called the meeting to order

secretary Kyojo

Members present: Chuso (Chair), Jun'nyo (Membership), Kyojo (Fundraising), Hoshi (Finance), Ryudan (Policy), Rinsen (Abbot).

1. Orientation update (Rinsen) 15 people in attendance at first orientation meeting held last Sunday.
2 Jukai members volunteers are needed to meet/greet at next orientation and a form will be given to address questions, provide contact information and Jun'nyo will create this. Myoho will be contacted to provide marketing efforts. Overall thought to be a clear entry point and felt to be well attended using the current marketing tool.
2. Membership/Data management (Jun'nyo) Our data will be tracked with google docs and this will also link with attendance and email updates, perhaps better than Fellowship One at this time. The membership drive is underway and emails are going out to remind everyone that is a member to sign the covenant and provide a financial pledge for the year. Renew by end of Feb. 2015.
3. Mountain Seat Ceremony (Myoho) Rinsen spoke: Sho'on will be conducting liturgical coordination during ceremony 4/19/15. Dosho Port has provided guidance regarding the liturgy to Rinsen and there will be a reception to follow the ceremony for about 120 individuals. A wooden bowl will be available for purchase and as a keepsake memento with a stamped Great Heartland insignia. A high seat will be required for the ceremony.
4. Policy (Ryudan) Draft of policies can be amended, was reviewed and Hoshi made comments regarding keeping the policy in line with the Drinking Gourd By Laws. Hoshi suggests a clear provision of steps and contacts if there is a grievance within the Sangha or by an individual member with phone numbers provided. Steps are being taken to safe guard the community if there is an untimely death of Rinsen and Do'on. Specifically, Rinsen mentioned that any successor would need to have transmission in both the Soto and Sanbo Kyodan (Harada-Yasutani) Schools of Zen Buddhism. Members discussed an annual public forum to be planned for the end of the year and this will take place in the summer. Once finished, we will be creating member booklets that have our policies within there with key numbers and names for reporting issues.
5. Fundraising (Kyojo) Kroger card registration is available to be linked to THE DRINKING GOURD INSTITUTE. Keyword DRINKING. Posted on FB and to be mailed out via email as well. Sangha dinners of 8 information poster will be posted to FB and emailed this week to provide time for people to sign up and begin dinners in February with conclusion in May. Chuso and Jun'nyo plan to provide a "gourmet" vegan dinner as hosts. Chuso suggested members donate used Zen books to the Sangha book store for resale and Kyojo suggested requesting a donation for the wooden bowl used upcoming ceremony for Rinsen.
6. Ango/Akido fees (Rinsen) Members will be provided religious education prior to service for 8 Sundays throughout Ango and member's children may attend Akido class free of charge while non-members will pay \$55/month standard Akido Dojo fee.

Next meeting at end of Feb. has been rescheduled to 3/8/15.