

LC Minutes for 2/12/2017 at 2:00

Present were Zusei, Hoshi, Sho'on, Rev. Rinsen, Jigen, Kinko and sitting in was Daijin.

Closing out 2016 finances. Email donor acknowledgments were sent in early February. Jigen will be send out a hard copy tax donation letter along with the 2016 Newsletter at the end of this week (Feb. 17, 2017.)

Canvass update: Jigen reported that our pledges for 2017 are at **\$86,670** and that we are still hoping to raise \$13,000 to reach our goal of \$100,000 which will cover the proposed 2017 budget and still supply a cushion. The number of pledged members is 116, including 82 returning and 34 new members. Jigen and Zusei will also work throughout the year to advertise membership and donation on the Drinking Gourd podcast, perhaps netting a few members or donors from afar.

Non-renewed members. Jigen passed around the list of 20 2016 members who had not yet renewed. We decided to send out hard copy requests to renew, as these members may be less engaged with email and Facebook. Once this list is contacted we will have finished the canvass. Bows to Jigen for a job well done!

Bagel Breakfast. Rev. Rinsen said he would like to invite new members to a bagel breakfast so that he and Do'on can get to know them better. The date was set for February 26, 2017 at 9:00. Zusei will send out the Facebook invitation and Kinko will get the bagels and cream cheese and make the coffee. All members who joined in 2016 or 2017 and did not take Jukai in 2016 have been invited. If this event is successful we will consider having them more frequently. At a future meeting LC will also consider ways to connect the Reverends with remote members, such as an online Google hand-out.

Sangha Directory. Sangha member Will Mellon has been working with Jigen on layout and design for the first Sangha Directory, which will be created when the annual canvas concludes at the end of February. We reviewed the designs and Jigen will provide feedback to Will for the next version. For this year's sangha directory we are staying focused on the basics: name, email, address (and only including members who given permission) available in paper and in PDF; in future years LC will contemplate more content such as advertisements for sangha members businesses, businesses the temple frequents, photos of members, etc.

Additional storage space and chair rental. Hoshi reported that the cost to rent a Pod for use as a storage shed outside the temple would be \$1500 per year. It would also cost about \$1500 to buy a set of 100 folding chairs so that we can move away from recurring rentals for events. We also discussed building out more storage cabinet shelving in the temple building, along the ancestor wall and in the dressing rooms. LC decided to design and cost options for adding more shelving; if we exceed our fundraising goals we will then be ready to choose an option and move forward quickly. We will also deep clean and declutter the women's dressing room during Deep Cleaning Samu at the end of February.

Treasurer's Report. Hoshi reported that our income between Jan. 1 and Feb. 8, 2017 was **\$12,788.75**. Total expenditures came to **\$10,850.04**, leaving a net income of **\$2,938.71**. Other expenses of **\$838.39** need to be categorized more carefully; most of these are believed to be sesshin expenses. Hoshi will work with Reverend Do'on on identifying sesshin expenses. We often have more income than expenses

in January because some members contribute all of their dana at the beginning of the year when renewing their membership so the large net income is expected at this time of year.

Affinity Groups. LC approved the creation of two affinity groups. One group will focus on compassionate community service (final group name TBD) and is led by MitsuAn, Setsho, and Kodō. The other group is the Family Support Group (previously active as the Family Support Council), lead by Lindsey Self, Shojun, and Renso. LC will remind the legacy Recovery group and D&D groups to submit proposals ASAP.

Dokusan availability. Reverend Rinsen will give an Abbots Address clarifying that the main time for dokusan is sesshin.

A Sangha Party! Sho'On will plan a Sangha party at the temple during Ango.

Ango planning. Ango theme and main text has been decided. Based on feedback from previous Ango practice periods and logistical challenges around sesshin and beginning instruction, we will hold 3 Saturday afternoon workshops rather than Sunday morning classes. Also based on feedback from the community, during this Ango, each person will be asked to focus on reading one book they have not already read. The Reverends will select 3 books and will give them an order: if you have already read the first book, then read the second book, etc. A Dogen Fascicle will be the text for Sangha Circles. Kodō will serve as Sangha Circles coordinator again and will be recruiting hosts next week.

Beginning Instruction. LC has asked Reverend Rinsen to work with the Shoken students and Postulants to seriously consider moving Beginning Instruction on Sunday morning from a 10:30 start time to a 10:15 start time, so that there is enough time to cover the material and give visitors a brief bio-break before service begins. Reverend Rinsen will also take up with Shoken Council how to ensure some experienced students are available to meet new visitors early enough on Wednesday evenings.

Dharma Outreach. Reverend Rinsen held a successful mindfulness meditation training workshop at the public library; some participants in the workshop have since visited the temple. Now, several of the local library systems have contacted him about ongoing mindfulness workshops. Ideally, once a season (four times a year) Rinsen or one of his "understudies" from our community and/or the UT Mindfulness program will give a mindfulness workshop at each branch of each library. Reverend Rinsen's connection with the secular UT Mindfulness program has made this opportunity possible, and so there is need for further discussion about credentialing other members of the community at the next meeting.

These notes are respectfully submitted by Kinko.