

Wet Mountain Sangha
Steering Committee - December 9, 2006

1. Welcome and brief sitting
 - a. Brief sitting
 - b. Vision for WMS over the next 6 months
 - i. David – great social action
 - ii. Donna – Change your mind day
 - iii. Merrilee – mindfully do something that is not done just for the sake of doing something. Precepts class
 - iv. Tracy – classes
 - v. Doug – happy with the Sangha already and grateful. Social action. Be prepared for more people sitting with us.
 - vi. Linda – getting to know everybody on a personal level. Doing something in social action would bring about that end. Begin using Quicken for our books.
 - vii. Sandy – Precepts class, retreats every 2 or 3 months (scheduled) because she thinks it strengthens the sangha. Have a plan B for retreats. Keep the Bodhisattva vows in mind since that is the direction. Social action – Habitat for Humanity in Cambodia as well as in our community
 - c. Treasurer's report
 - i. In the account we have $\$1093 - 625 = \483 . Linda has added \$100 (the value of one cushion set) that is not the Sangha's and provides the minimum balance to keep the account open.
2. Additions to & agreement on the agenda
3. Schedule
 - a. Next steering committee meeting – February
 - b. Leadership schedule for January and February
 - i. Added greeter for who will greet, pass out sutra books, light incense, do water offering between sittings, pick up sutra books and sit next to the closet. Move in front of the donation table to begin walking meditation.
 - ii. December
 1. 12/13 Leader Doug, greeter Tracy
 2. 12/20 Leader Merrilee, greeter Linda (back-up David)
 3. 12/23 - Leader David
 4. 12/27 – Leader Jan, greeter Sandy
 - iii. January
 1. 1/3 – Leader Doug, greeter Donna
 2. 1/6 – Leader David – Dharma study day Heart Sutra Workshop
 3. 1/10 –Leader Merrilee, greeter
 4. 1/13 – Leader Jan
 5. 1/17 – Leader David, greeter
 6. 1/24 – Leader , greeter
 7. 1/27 – Full-day Retreat at Doug's cabin
 8. 1/31 – Leader, greeter
 - iv. February
 1. David Weinstein will be at the Springs Mountain Sangha 14 – 18
 2. 2/3 -
 3. 2/7 -
 4. 2/10 -
 5. 2/14 -
 6. 2/21 -
 7. 2/24 -
 8. 2/28 –

- c. Dharma Study
 - i. Wednesday night Dharma talks – There was discussion that we don't get enough of the talk on Wednesdays due to having the same sitting practice. We will extend the 3rd Wednesday night sitting to last from 6-8 in order to get more Dharma talk involved.
 - 1. Linda and Donna will work together to determine what CD's we will listen to.
 - ii. January 6 –Heart Sutra Workshop based on the book by Thich Nhat Hahn "Heart of Understanding". David will purchase 15 books.
 - iii. February 3 – Discussion on Tibetan reincarnation by Marcia Beachy and Jan. Marcia has written a book "This Divine Classroom" on regression therapy.
 - iv. March 3 – Koan study
 - d. Full day retreat and associated issues
 - i. Work in the room with Sarah
 - 1. Work in the room will be difficult at Doug's cabin during the winter as there isn't a separate room. This is also an issue at David's Yurt.
 - 2. There were approximately 12 people at the 2/25 sitting that wanted to meet with Sarah. At 15 minutes each, that adds up to a lot of time.
 - 3. Have work in the room from 10-12 on the 2nd Saturday of each month. Maintain the 8-10 sitting as it is.
 - 4. Time-keeping and liaison is in keeping with Zen tradition. David did both elements during the last day of work in the room.
 - 5. David will speak with Sarah for direction.
 - ii. How often will we do a full-day sitting? It is a lot of work and will take 4-5 people to put it on. We will try 4 full day sitting
 - 1. Planning committee – David, Merrilee, Doug, Sandy, Tracy
 - e. Leader training – David, Merrilee and Jan will meet for training.
4. Service Project
 - a. Change your mind day
 - b. Global warming
 - i. Smart growth association – do a community project to introduce solar energy to Pueblo
 - ii. Working for Merrilee on growing indigenous plants for the community. Assist her with being successful.
 - iii. Simple living
 - iv. Center for a New American Dream
 - c. Habitat for Humanity
 - d. David will speak with Smart Growth Associates and Sustainable Pueblo Environmental Task Force for information to present during our next meeting.
 - e. Donna recommended that we put a small blurb in the newspaper weekly that ties into simple living.
5. Services
 - a. Walking leader
 - b. Monthly recorded talks
 - c. Flowers & Cookies
 - d. Greeters
 - i. Greet people,
 - ii. Hand out Sutra books
 - iii. Do the water offering
 - iv. Sit in the corner beside the altar & lead walking meditation
 - e. Discuss Dana
 - i. People are unaware of the ability to donate. Dana is what makes this space possible.
 - ii. Explain budget issues
 - iii. Explain that we would like to expand, but we need to have a more solid budget.
6. Cushions, 4 Boundless Vow Cards, and Sutra Books

- a. Cushions
 - i. Ordering 16 black zabutons this week
 - ii. Merrilee will charge it and request repayment when the bill comes in.
- 7. Next meeting: January 20 at 10:00 to address the retreat.
- 8. New Website: www.wetmountainsangha.org