

Wet Mountain Sangha

Steering Committee Minutes, November 4, 2011

Present: Kit Leroy, Doug Mesner, Merrilee Barnett, David Cockrell, Tracy Foltz

1. Review our finances
 - a. Treasurer's report: Balance \$1,107.33. Scholarship fund is at \$527.26. \$532 with total expenses of \$526.
 - b. David will talk to Andrew about his expectations for dana for the Precepts class. Merrilee will discuss with Sarah her expectations for dana for a full-day sitting. For now we will continue to have checks written to the sangha, and we will provide a single check to the teacher for the amount agreed upon.
 - c. Insurance. \$2 mil. Liability coverage for the sangha. Covers us for accidents during sangha activities at any location. Medical payment \$5,000 per incident. Unanimous approval of the Auto Owners policy presented.
 - d. Scholarship: Tracy will send the sangha a reminder that applications for scholarships will now be accepted by the scholarship review committee (treasurer, SC chair, past chair—Merrilee, Tracy, Kate).
2. Visit from Roshi Joan Sutherland
 - a. We decided to do the half-day workshop on Saturday, Dec. 17, probably 1:00 – 5:00. At the Center if it's available. Kit will check on availability, and Merrilee will communicate with Joan.
 - b. We decided to communicate all of the following themes to Joan for her consideration:
 - i. Doubt
 - ii. Whether to work with a teacher or not
 - iii. Orthodoxy vs. independence in practice
 - iv. Where to go with vibrant sangha energy
3. Program
 - a. Altar
 - i. We will be going back to no-drip candles to save money after the current candles are gone.
 - b. Work in the Room days
 - i. Tracy has worked up directions for the liaison. SC members should review them as sent by Tracy one last time before they are finalized.
 - ii. We have needs for the altar and teacher
 1. Buddha: David will bring in the stone Buddha and the black Buddha (on loan until the sangha can get another one).
 2. Tea pot: We found Kate's, and we'll be using it regularly now.
 3. Merrilee, Kit and Tracy will work on organizing the supplies for work-in-the-room and buy missing things: Water pitcher, Tray, Altar cloth. We will put off buying a Buddha until next year.

4. 2 more screens would be very useful. Tracy will discuss with Kerry and then buy.
- c. Dharma talks: Andrew will be asked to come on Nov. 16
- d. Precepts class. Decisions about possible cancelations Nov. 26 and Dec. 24 will be made at the Nov. 12 meeting of the group.
- e. Dec. 3 Full-day sitting: David will discuss leaders with Sarah. Kit will check on availability and reserve the Center. Kit volunteered to be tea server.
- f. Retreat opportunities:
 - i. November 12, One Day Meditation Retreat, 7528 Jenkin Place with Sarah Bender, Sensei
 - ii. December 3, All Day Retreat, Center for Inner Peace, Sarah Bender, Sensei
 - iii. December 7-11, Buddha You Residential Retreat, The Hideaway in Black Forest, with David Weinstein of Pacific Zen Institute.
 - iv. December 10 or thereabouts: Awakened Life retreat in Taos.
- g. Dharma Study is going fine.
- h. 2012 Schedule, so far (as of October 20, 2011) no schedule from SMS. We will postpone setting 2012 schedule until we hear back from them.