

Wet Mountain Sangha Steering Committee  
Minutes  
November 20, 2009, 6:00

1. 5 minute meditation
2. Reports from Streams
  - a. Program (Merrilee, David, Jan, Kate, and Tracy)
    - i. Review the full-day retreat October 31
      1. Went very smoothly
      2. Recommendation for future scheduling: assign a clean-up crew
      3. Supplies
        - a. Consider purchasing a screen, tea pots, incense bowl, etc so that people don't need to bring their own from home.
        - b. Since our monies are tight, there was discussion that some would prefer to give money to those desiring to attend retreats rather than for "things".
    - ii. Discuss weekend retreat
      1. Joan and Sarah are already booked.
      2. We decided to shelve this idea for now.
    - iii. Full-day retreats
      1. January 23
      2. April 10
      3. November 6
      4. Tracy will connect with Sarah to confirm that these dates work for her.
    - iv. Day long retreat/sit at Doug's cabin
      1. August 14, 2010 possible.
      2. We would like to do some meditation and then follow it up with a picnic and hiking.
    - v. Work in the Room with Sarah
      1. Recommended to have our sitting begin at 9 and possibly 8 and continue on to 12 noon.
      2. Scheduled WITR was agreed to be the best use of time for all.
      3. Sarah can tell us what 5 dates she could attend our regular Saturday sitting to do WITR.
      4. Tracy will connect with Sarah to confirm that these dates work for her.
  - b. Zendo (Leticia)
    - i. We don't need incense or candles at this time.
    - ii. Discussion about our incense bowl – would like a different one.
  - c. Finance (Linda, David)
    - i. General account \$1344.83
    - ii. Scholarship account

- iii. Should we pay the Center more money? They are struggling to make ends meet and we use their building frequently. We are grateful to them for allowing us to rent from them!
    1. There was a plumbing problem during our retreat. David has paid \$140 for this and will pay more – we will reimburse him for these payments.
    2. Currently pay
      - a. \$100 per month rent
      - b. \$25 per month for ad
      - c. Additional \$25 per day for full day retreats
    3. Recommended increase
      - a. \$200 per month rent
      - b. Ad remains the same
      - c. \$50 per day for full day retreats
    4. Increase agreed to begin effective December 2009.
    5. Continue to monitor our finances to ensure that we are not paying more than we can afford in the future.
  - iv. Rummage sale
    1. This idea was agreed to be a great idea
    2. Merrilee will contact Neema about having them join in with us.
    3. We could rent out spaces to individuals to sell their own wares.
    4. May 1 is an idea.
    5. To be discussed further during the next meeting.
  - d. Communication (Kate, Tracy)
  - e. Liaison with SMS (Tracy, Kate)
    - i. Retreats with SMS
    - ii. Scheduling our time with Sarah – see above
  - f. Dorcy Center (Doug, Linda, Jan)
    - i. Linda will be taking time off from January through March.
    - ii. More people assisting in leading are requested.
    - iii. Current members are joining in with leading.
    - iv. What can the Sangha do to further assist?
3. Schedule the next Steering Committee Meeting
    - a. 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday in December was agreed upon.
    - b. 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of every month was also agreed upon.