

**WMS Steering Committee
Meeting 12-2-10
Minutes**

1. The meeting was held at David's house, 6:15 – 8:30 pm. Present were Kate Jarrett, Jim Wickers, Merrilee Barnett, Linda Stone, Tracy Foltz, Jan Meserve and David Cockrell.
2. Schedule for upcoming year. Based on input from Sarah, we chose the following dates for work with Sarah. (We discussed possible work with Andrew Palmer and will bring this up again in February).
 - Jan. 22: Full-day sitting
 - Feb. 12 WITR 8:00 – 11:30; lunch; P.M.: *Nirvana Day activ. for families*
 - Mar. 12 WITR 8:00 – 11:30; lunch; P.M.: *Magha Puja Day with kids*
 - May 7: Full-day sitting
 - Late July: ½ day family retreat.
 - Aug. 13: Full-day sitting
 - September 10: WITR
 - October 22: WITR
 - Dec.3 WITR 8:00 – 11:30; lunch; *family Bodhi Day*
3. All Sangha meeting, Jan. 1: The format will be:
 - a. Sitting
 - b. Write and burn something you want to let go of.
 - c. Ringing of 108 bells.
 - d. Go around the circle—How is practice working in your life?
 - e. Free-flowing chat session.
4. Child care for Wednesday nights was discussed. Contact with a Child Care Center who could be open during our sitting was mentioned. Maybe we could generate a roster of people that would be willing to rotate through child care responsibilities once a month or so, and this might be a wamer way to address the need than a childcare center.
5. 10-10-10 Debriefing: Several people said they would like to have heard more of Joan in the evening. There was too much planned for the time. There was discussion about potentially hosting this event annually and making it longer.
6. Joan's visit in February: The SC is recommending a 3-hour workshop 2:00 – 5:00. Dinner at 5:00. We were guessing the date would be Wed., Feb. 24. Then our regular sitting schedule for Wed. evening, with a dharma talk after the first period, scheduled at a firm time. The talk would be open to the

- public, and we would anticipate that many might join us for the sitting as well.
- a. As a means of recommending topics to Joan for both the afternoon workshop and the evening talk, Jim suggested we ask the people that worked with Joan on 10-10 if they could ask Joan one question, What would it be?
 - b. David will contact Joan right away to establish the date.
7. Sangha life
- a. Jan , Jim and Linda
 - b. Merrilee is working on a database on sangha members with info on what they want to have done in times of stress or death. A simple questionnaire with the database fields will be ready for people to fill out on Jan. 1.
8. Follow Ups with those leaving the Sangha
- a. Not discussed. David will follow up with Doug.
9. Increased Collaboration with CIP: The CIP Vision Workshops in January were announced. Several folks expressed an interest in attending. We might be needed to provide more rent money; there may be community outreach activities that we could engage in jointly with the Center.
10. Purchase access to Joan's talks. David and Merrilee will pursue.
11. Stream Reports
- a. Program
 - i. Merrilee, David and Tracy.
 - ii. Merrilee presented a draft of the Stream mission and "brooks". Merrilee's conclusion was that many sangha members (especially steering committee) all work on the various forms of program that we conduct. It was decided to let the Stream exist just as it is since we are working through all the Stream leadership roles as they come up anyway.
 - b. Zendo
 - i. Dana to Joan for the Books: We will send the money remaining after the printing of the books. Linda will identify the remainder of the \$200 allocated for sutra books and not spent.
 - c. Finance
 - i. Current balance \$1,350.54. Rent paid until Jan. 1.
12. Next Meeting: Jan. I there will be informal steering committee involvement in the All-Sangha meeting. We will meet again after that in early February.

Respectfully submitted,
David Cockrell