

Wet Mountain Sangha Steering Committee
Agenda
February 17, 2009, 6:00

1. Eat
2. 5 minute meditation
3. Reports from Streams
 - a. Program (Merrilee, David, Jan, Kate, and Tracy)
 - i. Review the February 14 all day retreat

The general feeling of the SC was that the sitting went quite well. A concern was expressed that more people would be good. A good discussion followed about making the sangha activities more accessible to a wider group of sangha members. One idea that seemed possible was to replace one period once a month with open discussion. It was recognized that the core group holds the practice for others, and that the opportunity is always there. It was mentioned that a larger public event might be a good idea.

It was decided that we would reinstitute tea time, and that SC members would migrate downstairs immediately upon ending the sitting. Cookies will be brought. Darryl volunteered to pick up cushions, and all could help with this after tea.

- ii. Calendar

Merrilee will put out the March/April leader sign-up sheet tomorrow.

Tracy is updating the calendar three months out or the end of the year, and she will keep it updated.

The Feb. meeting of the Batchelor book group was great! Numbers are not the only issue.

- iii. Leader/greeter sign-up sheet

- b. Zendo (Darryl, Leticia)

- i. Where are the walls of the Zendo? Status update

The set-up for the all-day sitting was really good. A new protocol will be for people in chairs to wait for the end of the kinhin line and fall in at the rear.

We decided to set the hall in the square arrangement of this sitting on a regular basis.

- ii. How have the 10 minutes of quiet prior to meditation been?

Everyone likes the 10-minute temple bell sequence. It was decided to mute the striker with a rubber sheath.

- iii. Altar

Darryl & Leticia will continue to look for an altar. DharmaCrafts; Ebay; places in town.

Everyone is fine with using Kate's table until we find the right piece. We also need a wooden music stand (short).

- iv. Organization

Darryl suggested we designate a work day to organize the liturgical supplies. We discussed clear plastic bins and a basket for all Wednesday supplies. Linda volunteered to get a box of

kitchen matches to use instead of the automatic lighter. Linda volunteered to bring in a ceramic incense holder that is deeper, and we'll all evaluate.

We now have one person who is allergic to incense. We agreed to abstain anytime she is present. On Saturdays, she needs to notify us ahead of time that she is coming if she wishes to be incense-free.

- c. Finance (Linda, David)
 - i. Current status

Since the beginning of the year we have received \$381 in dana, and \$120 for our scholarship fund. Expenses included \$20 for lamination, \$100 for the temple bell. We received \$95 for the one-day sitting, and we paid Sarah \$240. For rent and advertising, we have paid \$125 per month. We are paying an extra \$25 for use of the zendo for an all-day event. \$32 for incense. Current balance after the March-April will be around \$800.

- ii. Scholarship Fund Drive

We now have \$120. We decided to have a summer yard sale! We will ask all sangha members and friends to donate; have a bake sale; and also sell prayer flags.

- d. Communication (Kate)
 - i. What types of communications? How much information should be emailed?

We need a good email on the Buddhism Without Beliefs Group meeting. (Need to contact Anne Whitleff)

Darryl will get a calendar up on the website.

Tracy has three email lists: SC, Active, and full sangha.

- ii. Do we need to adjust this stream?

Tracy volunteered to take over communication for the sangha for the time being. She will discuss this with Kate.

- e. Liaison with SMS (Tracy, Kate)
 - i. Jan and Tracy attended the SMS SCM on January 11.
 - ii. What types of information should be forwarded to the entire WMS email list? Active? SCM list?
 - iii. Sarah and her activities with WMS
- f. Dorcy Center (Doug, Darryl, Linda, David, Jan)

There are really only three people carrying the leadership for the group.

- 4. Workshop
 - a. Mythopoetics Retreat on Relationship, Conflict & Freedom with Joan – Full participation only
 - b. February 20-22, 2009
 - i. Friday from 7-9pm at Gill Foundation
 - ii. Saturday and Sunday from 10-4 at the Woman's Club
- 5. Retreat
 - a. April 7 – 12, 2009
 - b. Franciscan Retreat Center

6. Joan will meet WMS before the retreat.
7. Precepts classes
8. Schedule the next Steering Committee Meeting