

Floating Zendo Business Meeting
at 8:15 p.m. on December 11, 2007
at the Friends' Meetinghouse, 1041 Morse Street, San Jose, CA 95126

Present: Angie, Jane, Wendy, Donnalynn, Russ, Dan, Samia, Lorne, Julian, Britt

Agenda:

1. Financial Review
2. Newsletter/Website Update
3. Officers for 2008
4. Update on Search for 2008 Sesshin Site
5. Outreach/Advertising Budget
6. Dana Proposal for Sensei

1. FINANCIAL REVIEW

FZ will close 2007 with approximately \$5000 in the bank. Though that amount is \$1800 more than FZ had at the end of 2006, income actually shrank \$1300 from 2006. Both special donations and weekly dana were less than in 2006. Lowered expenses compensated for the decrease in income. For example, FZ did not pay a Tenzo for sesshin, which saved FZ \$1000.

2. NEWSLETTER/WEBSITE UPDATE

The newsletter will go to press this weekend.

ACTION ITEM: Donnalynn volunteered to convert the newsletter to PDF to post to FZ's website.

It was suggested that FZ might use the newsletter to thank donors who give more than \$100.

FZ's webmaster Dan has added a contact page to the website. The contacts are floatingzendo.org email addresses. In particular, the contacts are teacher, secretary, studygroup, and sesshin at floatingzendo.org. Dan asked for a vote on how to handle mail sent to those new accounts. FZ endorsed creating new Yahoo accounts to receive the mail, so that, for example, mail sent to secretary@floatingzendo.org would be received at fzsecretary@yahoo.org.

3. OFFICERS FOR 2008

Wendy will replace Jane as FZ Coordinator in 2008. Russ will act as Treasurer. Dan will continue as Web Master. Britt will act as Secretary. Jane will take over business meeting minutes. Donnalynn volunteered to reactivate the Outreach position to cultivate Floating Zendo's extended sangha.

ACTION ITEM: FZ must find someone to fill the vacant Ino role.

4. UPDATE ON 2008 SESSHIN

Jane led a discussion about the locations available to FZ for the 2008 sesshin. donnalynn provided a summary account of all locations FZ has used in the past. The limitations of Villa Angelica included: lack of a dokusan room, crowded zendo, 18 bed maximum and proximity to highway. In addition, Villa Angelica raised the price per person per night from \$50 to \$60 for 2008. In contrast, Jikoji is available August 18-24 and proposes to charge \$30 per person per night. The zendo is much larger, there is room for approx 25 beds, and there is a new dokusan room. Jikoji has been substantially improved in the past few years with new showers, heaters and more. The main drawback is the absence of wheel chair accessibility. After much discussion, the motion to approve Jikoji as the site of the 2008 sesshin was raised and carried.

5. OUTREACH/ADVERTISING BUDGET

donnalynn proposed that Floating Zendo advertise itself in a Buddhist-interest magazine. donnalynn provided relevant information for the magazines Buddhadharma, Shambhala Sun, and Tricycle. After discussion, FZ unanimously approved the expense (\$225) to advertise in the Buddhadharma and Shambhala Sun for one year.

6. DANA PROPOSAL FOR SENSEI

donnalynn distributed her proposals for dana for Sensei Angie. The Sangha will review the information and discuss and vote on an option at a short meeting on 12/18/07.