

Biz Meeting 6/1/10

In Attendance: Ellie, Samia, Dan, Russ, donnalynn, Angie, Wendy

Financial Report: We have spent \$531.00 of our reserve as of May 22, 2010. However we still have enough reserve to fund the Sesshin. The good news: our weekly dana is making the rent. Other dana is down, but steady. The information and form on dana in the last newsletter was minimally effective.

Addition to Website: wording on dana

Ellie has been working on some text to present the meaning of dana and its role in our practice. The term "Donations" was agreed upon as the heading in the Table of Contents. The PayPal option was discussed once again, and the Sangha favored opening an account. Russ will fund a savings account for the FZ and set up a Pay Pal account, with donnalynn's assistance. Dan will install a button on the website, and also a link from the audio section of the website.

Sesshin business:

Fees: donnalynn, our Sesshin coordinator/Shika recommended retaining the fee structure from last year. Jikoji is "charging" us the same this year. The costs are expected to remain constant. Although there was some surplus \$\$ last year, it is Kobun & Angie's view that the Dharma should be freely offered. Our goal will remain to break even. A former Shika, Dan, recommended having the rates very clear and straight forward for best presentation to prospective participants. Sangha preferred lowering day rate (without lodging) from \$45. The following rates were approved:

Full sesshin: \$315

Day visit: \$30 per day

Day w/ lodging: \$45 per day/night

Additional expenses requested by Shika donnalynn:

- 1) \$150 for deep cleaning & restoration of Jikoji at end of Sesshin. We would still do the sleeping quarters, bathrooms, and other clean-up.
- 2) Fund for Tenzo (up to \$100) for any equipment or resources—which could be donated to Jikoji after Sesshin
- 3) Teacher dana fund to guarantee dana of \$200 per day (for a sesshin of over 10 people a day), or \$100 per day for a sesshin with less than 10 per day attending

All these requests were approved.

Scholarships:

After a discussion it was resolved that:

1. there be a unadvertised cap of \$500 on scholarships awarded
2. The availability of scholarships be included in announcements
3. People be encouraged to "pay what they can."

Announcement of Sesshin Officers:

Tenzo-Ellie Leishman

Fukuten- Britt Walsh

Ino—open

Shika – dl

Dan announced he is moving to China in August to teach English at a University for 1 year. He anticipates being able to continue as Webmaster. In fact, he will be sending a blog about this experience. The Sangha approved the use of our storage space for Dan's web page.