

**Clouds in Water Zen Center
August Board Meeting
August 24, 2014**

Attending: Karin Aguilar-San Juan, Carla Breunig, Kurt Errickson, Sosan Theresa Flynn, Will Hegeman, Carol Iwata, Nathan Thompson, Rachel Vilsack, Wally Waranka

Not attending: Angus MacDonald

Guest: Flying Fish Barbara Murphy

Nathan called the meeting to order at 11:06 AM.

AGENDA

I. Welcome

The Board recognized and thanked Nathan for his 5 years of service as the Board Chair.

II. Teacher Ryo Check-In

Sosan presented an update on the Teacher Ryo. Kyoku will continue to be the point person for programming until the end of the year, at which time Sosan will take over that role.

Sosan mentioned that the Teacher Ryo has had several meetings around their personal and collective visions of Clouds in Water.

Sosan presented an updated job description for the Guiding Teacher role, which will be approved by the Board at a future meeting.

III. Executive Director Check In

Will provided an update on the quiet phase of the capital campaign, which include meeting with members and donors.

Will also discussed the process that he and Liliane are working on about how to project the cost and income to class programming, so as to present a better financial picture.

Will summarized the recent month's (July) budget, which has a deficit of just over \$2,700.

Will is exploring how to change the Shopping Cart function on the website to allow for gift donations, like food for sessions or the underwriting of classes or youth practice.

The Board discussed options for providing classes remotely.

IV. Strategy Plan for Approaching Potential Properties

Will provided an overview of the site selection process, based on recommendations and observations from the process of viewing a prior property.

Nathan raised the question of whose decision is the selection of a building – the Board, the Teacher Ryo, others – for Board discussion.

Motion: For decision making purposes related to the acquisition of a new building, the Guiding Teacher/Assistant Guiding Teacher (as a representative of the Teacher Ryo) has a vote, along with each Board member. Decisions must carry a two-thirds majority of all Board members plus Guiding Teacher/Assistant Guiding Teacher. **Motion passed.**

The Board identified ways to discuss the property in a council practice setting, including holding these discussions in the property itself.

Flying Fish provided her perspective on the Farrington property.

Motion: Engage a contractor to assess the Farrington property, with a maximum \$500 budget for fee if needed. **Motion passed.**

V. Addressing Volunteer Needs

The Board discussed the need for volunteers as we progress through the move, the role of work in our spiritual lives, and how to support the Space Committee.

Carol mentioned that volunteering be a topic discussed at the annual meeting in September.

Will made a request for one (or more) Board member(s) to take ownership of membership responsibilities and processes and work closely with the staff on these efforts.

VI. Nominating Committee

Rachel provided an overview of the Board nominations committee (which includes her and Wally) and timeline. She will send out emails seeking help with community-wide announcements.

VII. Annual Meeting Planning Committee

Nathan asked for volunteers for planning the annual meeting. Carol, Rachel and Wally agreed to help. Sosan will coordinate the food/zendo set-up and volunteers.

Nathan called the meeting closed at 1:00PM.

Minutes submitted by Rachel Vilsack.