

MINUTES: BOARD MEETING

May 20, 2011

11:00am

Attending: Carla Breunig, Amy Kirkpatrick, Nathan Thompson, Carol Iwata, Elizabeth Wroblewski, Byakuren Judith Ragir, Angus MacDonald, Rachel Vilsack

Absent: Karin Aguilar-San Juan, Sosan Theresa Flynn

Nathan called the meeting to order

AGENDA

I. MARRIAGE AMENDMENT

Board members who were at last Sunday's Panel on Marriage Equality felt it went very well.

II. TEACHER RYO

The board, along with Byakuren, had a conversation about the feedback that they have received regarding the change in the guiding teacher role and the move toward the multiple teacher model. The upcoming council will be a good chance to take the pulse of the sangha and open the conversation up to everyone. The council will be Wed. night: May 30, 6:30 – 8:30pm.

Byakuren suggested that key groups within the sangha should be invited with a phone call by board members: Practice Leaders, Advisory Council, Lay Training Group, Post Jukai Group, Youth Practice Teachers, and Friends of Youth Practice.

Carla volunteered to contact Amy H. and Sosan about a phone calling list for the board.

Amy K. will draft a script and send it to Carla, Byakuren, Sosan and Nathan for approval.

(approved script attached to this email)

III. MISC.

Carla reported several new developments:

Kurt Erickson is considering being a board member – he will get back to her.

Space Committee: Carla will share recent board emails on Space with the previous members of the Space Committee. This will be in preparation for the July meeting.

Carla will have lunch with Julian, of the St. Paul Saints, next week. Recently the Saints were denied funding by the legislature and Carla will report back to the board on what Julian says is their next step.

Carla is thinking about ways to chart our Space benchmarks and timeline. Send emails to Carla if you have ideas.

Carol noticed that we usually have a couple absentee board members. She was curious if Skype would help with attendance. All agreed that meeting in person is best and Skype shouldn't take the place of attending — but, if you know you'll be out of town, yet available during a board meeting, make Nathan aware of this and we can handle the technology to include you in the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 12:45pm

Submitted by: Amy Kirkpatrick

NEXT BOARD MEETING: June 10, 11:30 – 1:00

UPCOMING COUNCILS

(Board participation is highly encouraged):

Wednesday, May 30, 6:30 – 8:30pm

Sunday, July 15, 11:00 – 1:00pm

ADDENDUM:

Here's the script approved on 5/24 and sent out to the board for making phone calls:

Because you are a member of the _____ group,

the Clouds in Water Board would appreciate your participation in 2 upcoming Councils.

On May 30, from 6:30 to 8:30pm, we'll be hosting a council on the recent shift to having Sosan and Kyoku help alleviate Byakuren from some of her many administrative responsibilities. The council will be a chance to ask questions, voice concerns and offer support.

At the May 30 council we'll also have a conversation about the multi-teacher model. This will help us prepare for a larger dialog on Vision on **July 15**. Please mark that date on your calendar, the Vision Council will occur after the Sunday morning service. It would be great to have your participation at that meeting too.

The board appreciates the great richness we have in our guiding teacher and practice leaders — and the wisdom that we hold within our sangha. We value your input and hope you can come on May 30 and July 15.

