

## **MINUTES: BOARD MEETING**

**July 22, 2012**

**11:00am**

**Attending:** Byakuren Judith Ragir, Carol Iwata, Carla Breunig, Amy Kirkpatrick, Nathan Thompson, Sosan Theresa Flynn, Rachel Vilsack, and Karin Aguilar-San Juan

**Absent:**, Elizabeth Wroblewski, Angus MacDonald

**Nathan called the meeting to order**

### **AGENDA**

#### **I. MID-YEAR FINANCIALS**

The July financial reports are not fully reconciled yet, but the initial reports show that, year-to-date, we are now off budget by only \$1,600 (see attached Excel doc). Also, membership donations were up for July.

This year is much better than last year (we were \$22,000 over-budget last year at this time.) It looks like we'll be above budget or only slightly under budget. A more detailed forecast to come.

There's an increase in members over last year. Sosan and Rachel will be working on finding out why people are becoming members.

Non-Profit Conference coming up Thursday, July 28. Carla, Rachel V., Rachel S., and Carol will attend. Email summary will come after the event. Any action steps could be brought up at the next board meeting.

#### **II. WALKING TOURS**

Karin and Rachel's tour:

4 people attended. They found there was a lot of discussion between the 4. They were all long-time sangha members, it seemed to Karin that the tour was a really useful way to get conversations going. She appreciated the well organized info Carla has gathered, that was helpful in planning the tour. The tour participants seemed to have a sense of excitement about how St. Paul will become more vital. How can we still be a part of that but still have what we need?

Angus and Carla's tour:

6 people attended, one new guy from the west side, and regulars. Started with internal tour and challenges. Outside tour, it was helpful to get a sense of scale in the neighborhood, for example the Diamond Gillet building is a very large space. People realized how much parking would disappear north of that building with the stadium. The Lower Town plan with its focus on housing and community shocked people with how much more parking could disappear.

Board discussed next steps for dealing with potential parking issues. Sosan and Carla volunteered to work together on parking space needs and contact people in the building. Could contact people to get some interest in talking about parking and see if there are leaders in the building to step up.

### **III. VISIONS COUNCIL FOLLOWUP**

Amy passed out the notes from the Visions Council (attached). All notes taken in small groups were compiled into one document. As additional feedback comes in, it will be added to the document. A summary document has not been created yet.

Carla posed the question, Should we have additional vision meetings? We really only had 9 people who weren't board members attend the recent council.

Sosan agreed that it would be good to hear from a larger part of the sangha. She felt the Sunday council was wonderful and started a great process. Should we do one or two more sessions? Maybe meetings in people's homes. 10-12 people invited to each.

Carol liked the house party idea. Face to face conversations are invaluable, though if necessary, email is better than nothing.

Karin felt the really precious thing is the exchange. It is sangha building. The group consensus was that more feedback should be solicited in group meetings rather than through email.

Nathan said what worked was breaking people out of their preconceived ideas. Unexpected stuff comes up. Could be some really good ideas.

The space committee will come up with next steps.

### **IV. ANNUAL MEETING**

Nathan will connect with people to start planning the annual meeting. Meeting date will be Sept. 30, which is a Children's Practice Sunday. Plans will need to be made for childcare. Sosan suggested that a special field trip for the kids be planned to occur during the meeting.

### **IV. BOARD CANDIDATES**

In September the board will have openings for 5 more members. Clouds' board can have 12 people total, not counting Byakuren and Sosan.

Rachel and Karin will be the Nominating Committee and will start approaching people.

**Meeting adjourned at 12:50pm**

Submitted by: Amy Kirkpatrick

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Aug. 19, 11:00 – 1:00 Board Meeting

Sept. 30 Annual Meeting

Oct. 28 Board Meeting

