

Santa Cruz Zen Center



Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 17, 2020

6:45 pm - 8:30 pm

<https://zoom.us/j/2951668406>

Zoom meeting ID 295 166 8406, password 753

Members

Name	Role	Name	Role
Anais Schenk	President	Neti Parekh	Member-at-large
Mari Tustin	Vice-President	Rene Netter	Member-at-large
Ken Collins	Secretary	Gilbert Ramirez	Member-at-large
Yaro Jane Army	Treasurer	Eugene Bush	Planned Absence
Sara McLellan	Member-at-large	Patrick Teverbaugh	Practice Leader
Rachel Grad	Member-at-large		
Will Peck	Member-at-large		

Open with Zazen (5 minutes)

Updates

- 1) Community Comments
- 2) **Subcommittee Reports:**

Membership:

We received 2 new members this month.

Property Management:

Glenn K. has been approved as the new renter in 113. Glenn has already moved in and has begun his lease in November.

Nomination:

Executive:

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Finance:

Annual Appeal mailing requested of the Board to have completed by Tuesday, Nov. 24th before the Thanksgiving holiday. Members will also be emailed. Due to COVID a sign-up sheet will be made available to stagger Board volunteers.

SC County Credit Union:

Checking: \$11,399.77
Savings: 10,944.34
Remodel: 2,955.34
\$25,299.45

RBC Investment Account:

\$598,678.30

Practice Leadership:

Regular Agenda

1. Approve October meeting minutes. Attachment 1 (All)

Approved

2. Discuss agenda and format for All Sangha meeting. In years past the All Sangha meeting included information on the events and happenings from the previous year, the planned programming looking forward for the next year, major changes around the property or to Practice Leadership, as well as an introduction and recognition of new and departing Board members. For this year's meeting, instead of the Practice Leaders providing a summary of what they have proposed as the new calendar or dharma program for the year ahead, they have requested that we collect input from the sangha on how the programming felt this year and how to move ahead. Given the meeting format of Zoom, it might be worthwhile to have a slightly more structured approach with different Board members hosting each section and to have a designated zoom facilitator watching the waiting room, chat box, and managing technical issues. (All)
 - *Members survey was sent out with 12 so far received. Considering breakout rooms at the All Sangha meeting to have Board members review survey with members attending; Practice Leaders to discuss 2021 tentative calendar on Zoom for the first 6 months pending COVID-19 safety measures. (Anais)*

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- 2 Practice periods are planned with follow up sesshins are planned for 2021 with Gene and Patrick alternately leading the Practice Periods. (Gene & Patrick)
 - Open discussion on what activities members are interested in, as well as ways to get more involved at the Zen Center. (Gene & Patrick)
 - Mention recent remodels of 113 kitchen and bathroom and other projects on Zen Center's property. (Mari)
 - Discuss this year's recent changes in Practice leadership. (Gene & Patrick)
 - Mention recent upgrade in internet capacity allowing for improved Zoom access to Sangha activities. (Anais)
 - Acknowledge gratitude for the Members for coming together and supporting the Sangha during these challenging times. (Patrick)
 - Acknowledge appreciation to Liz and others who have attended the grounds during this time in keeping the Zen Center well-kept and beautiful. (Anais)
 - Thanking the community for their response and willingness to help those during the recent wildfires. (Anais)
3. Continue discussion regarding reopening SCZC. Last month the Board voted to partially open the zen center for outdoor sitting at noon. We agreed to check in on how the reopening was proceeding in November and continue the dialogue about reopening. (All)

We are presently closed as of this date. Mixed feedback with varied levels of concern were voiced by members of the Board.

Poll Request: *To have Patrick lead noon sittings when risk levels are below the widespread (Purple) level while continuing to follow the California COVID-19 Response guidelines. Patrick will assign short questions to those who attend the noon sittings which is to include a sign at the entranceway to alert those who attend to be aware of the precautions upon entering the outdoor sitting. Continued dialog around safety to be ongoingly revisited by the Board as we continue to meet and adapt within the pandemic safely.*

Approved

Notes taken by Ken Collins (Board Secretary)

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