

# Santa Cruz Zen Center

Board of Trustees Meeting

September 25, 2012

6:30 to 8:30 pm

Zendo

**Present:** Edie Brown, President; Chuck Overley, Vice President; Michael Bashista, Treasurer, Gene Bush and Nannette Overly, Administrators, Liz Milazzo, Secretary; Jeff Sherman, Rob Hoogner, Chris Davidson, Sally Aguirre, Brian Corser.

**Absent:** Lisa Noble, member at large.

**3 Leaders in Attendance:** Kokyo, Patrick and Gene

## Standing Agenda Items

SCZC mission statement read to help set intention for the meeting.

Gift from Dana T. of a **photo of KT** passed out to all in attendance.

Sally now has returned to **active status** on the Board (from leave of absence).

**Community comments:** Invitation to come to **40<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration** on Sept. 29: ceremony and reception in garden. Patrick, Chuck and Oai are cooking. Thanks expressed to Edie for great graphics/poster and overall organization. Followed next day, Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>, by **memorial tree planting** at Green Gulch Farm for Katherine (100 days). See sign up on bulletin board for carpooling. Ceremony begins at 3 pm in the GGF zendo, then tree planting.

**Treasurer's report:** Michael has recently moved \$25K from checking account to our Money Market Account with Southwest Securities. That leaves \$11K in checking. Rough budget to date: expenditures over budget on property expenses, but overall budget is \$20K better than projected, with the property tax bill the only large bill expected through the calendar year. Property taxes budgeted in at \$4,300. The actual bill will arrive any day. Michael is aggregating 20 applications for background checks to send in at one time (to be in compliance with sexual abuse prevention policy) – will submit them soon. This timing does not hinder continuation of liability insurance, which is paid. Dale, accounting consultant, is advising Michael on tracking of rent payments, how to format the accounts in Quickbooks, etc.

**Leader Reports:** 1<sup>st</sup> time that all 3 leaders are attending Board Meeting with the intention to enhance communication. **Patrick/Global Sangha:** cooking continues on Fridays, many heartfelt thanks from the Homeless Garden Project; HGP has nominated SCZC for a humanitarian award for the Friday cooking. Patrick is attending Japanese Cultural Fair meetings, joining in the planning a little earlier in the annual cycle of fair planning. PT will encourage other SCZC Board Members to come to the April or May meetings so more ZC folks meet the JCF team. Michael has collected memberships online this year – makes renewals easy. Michael reports that Global Sangha has received \$574 in donations, and has spent \$130. PT has some additional expense receipts to submit. PT reports that modest donations come in regularly.