

Santa Cruz Zen Center Board of Trustees Meeting
Saturday, Nov. 16, 2013
2:00pm to 3:00pm - Zendo

Present: Edie Brown, President, Chuck Overley, Vice President, Michael Bashista, Treasurer, Liz Milazzo, Secretary; Nannette Overley, Administrator; at large: Sally Aguirre, Jeff Sherman, Chris Davidson, Brian Corser, Rob Hoogner

On Leave: Lisa Noble, member at large

Leaders in Attendance: Gene Bush

Community Comments:

Concern presented by Jeff: A member of the Heart Sangha that meets on Monday evenings has a sensitivity to incense. Jeff and Kris have been opening the windows at end of eve. service & before Heart Sangha to make things better. Nannette, as Ino, will arrange for the use of smokeless incense on Monday evenings.

2014 Board Meeting Calendar: Tentatively, we'll go back to meeting every other month (Jan, March, May, etc.), with "save the date" possible meetings in Feb., April, etc. The focus of the Board retreat this year will be discussion of horizontal practice leadership, facilitated by Cathi Toldi. The retreat will either be Feb. or March (or possibly later, depending on preparations with the 3 practice leaders.)

New and Continuing Business

Proposal: To open separate checking account at Santa Cruz Community Credit Union for dokusan building remodel: deposit \$63,600, two with signature authority: Michael Bashista and Edie Brown. (Board resolution required by credit union). **Passed** with 8 "ones".

Proposal: To remove Gene Bush from the checking and savings accounts at the SCCCU. (Gene is no longer a Board member). That will leave Michael Bashista and Edie Brown with signature authority on both accounts. **Passed** with 8 "ones."

2014 Budget Proposal (Michael Bashista) (reflecting expenses posted through 10/15)

Michael presented the following changes to the draft 014 budget:

Line 65 - increase in the "unreimbursed pastoral expense" to \$2025 for the year is calculated as 7.5% of the head teacher's stipend, which increased by \$5,000

Line 89 Patrick T. requested adding \$250 to Japanese Cultural Fair (repeats donation initiated last year)

Line 114 Supplies, Board (e.g. flip charts & pens) - reduced from \$200 to \$100

Line 121 Office Supplies reduced to \$50 (= to 2013 expenditure)

Line 126 Increased liability insurance to \$3800 (\$300 more than earlier draft)

Line 129 Increase in property taxes (from \$4500 to \$5800)

(2012 back taxes of \$4500 assessed, but bill still not received. Not budgeted for 2014.

Will pay out of savings if necessary.)