

Santa Cruz Zen Center  
**All Sangha Meeting - Saturday, November 7, 2015**  
**3-5pm**

**Welcome, introductions, and Warm-up activity - Edie**

**Dokusan Building Remodel Project update - Dana**

The process has been slow. One year was spent in negotiating the property line. We are now going forward having resolved the issue by moving the planned remodel several feet onto the Zen Center side. Speaking with the builder, remodel/demolition activities might begin in Feb. if weather permits. Our architect is Peter Spellman (he also sits on the Planning Commission), and Rory Howland is our builder. Both have been very generous with ZC and donated some of their time so far. Thanks expressed to the Sangha for donating to the capital campaign last year. Dokusan building remodel budgeted at \$100,000. If we are able to demolish the existing building, that will keep costs down substantially. Sally Aguirre completed a drawing of the planned building, which can be viewed on the SCZC website. Thanks to Sally Aguirre for the drawing.

**Board/Property Liaison update - Patrick**

Rental units: Both 119A and B had turnover this year, very happy with new tenants. Repairs and painting accomplished before move-ins. New smoke detectors installed, interiors painted. We received notice from the City of on-site rental inspection scheduled for December. (Patrick will find a date that works with sesshin and after transmission ceremony.) Santa Cruz rentals are required to be inspected every 5 years. We have been using a property management company this year, Sun Property Mgmt. Work was completed in all the units this year according to reserve study recommendations: siding replaced on outside of 119A; door and picture window replaced in 119B. Kitchen stove replaced in 113. New water heater installed in 113 (this was a surprise, rather than scheduled). Not much scheduled for 2016, just new landscaping related to dokusan building remodel. Back door on 119B is not a code door, but plumbing and electrical are up to code.

**Treasurer's Report - Michael**

Cash situation reflects gaps in renting of 119A and 119B. We overspent the maintenance budget by quite a bit related to repairs mentioned above. On a cash basis, it worked out ok because we had \$3,000 budgeted for garden design for the remodel, which wasn't spent. We received a tax refund this year on property taxes paid on 119. SCZC membership has been very generous. All in all, it looks like the net for 2015 will be \$14K to \$17K instead of the \$21K budgeted.

The budgeted net for 2016 will be lower still, as the Board has decided to extend stipends to our 2 Practice Leaders in addition to the Head Teacher.

**Practice Committee update - Kokyo & Patrick**

*Who* is on Practice Committee: Kokyo, Patrick, Gene (3 Practice Leaders), plus the Ino (both Neti and Mary), plus additional members may be invited who have an "active practice," i.e. attend at least 3 practice events a week at ZC (Shoho, currently.)

*What:* Practice Committee considers zendo forms, calendar items, Z&A classes, general overall conversations of how practice is going.

*When:* Practice Committee meets once a month.

2016 Dharma theme: *Devotion*

Winter practice period will be led by Patrick (opening and closing ceremonies, work with the shuso, etc.)

Kokyo will lead the fall practice period.

Feedback welcomed on theme of *devotion*. . . at the end of this meeting, or pass it on to the Practice Committee as you think of it.

Patrick: we may offer a workshop on building home altars. . . may invite a teacher in a tradition of Soto Zen folk music; Cathy has offered a session on chanting practice. . .

Kokyo brought up question, "are the minimum commitments necessary to join the practice period a discouragement to practitioners?" Feedback invited. Also, feedback welcome on class themes and class scheduling (a.m. vs. p.m., Sunday eve. vs. weekdays.)