

Santa Cruz Zen Center – Board of Trustees

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| Meeting Topic | SCZC Board of Trustees Meeting |
| Date: | Tuesday, February 28, 2017 |
| Time: | 6:35 pm – 8:30 pm |
| Location: | Zendo |

Invitees/Attendees

| Name | Role | Name | Role |
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| Rev. Edie Brown | President | Neti Parekh | Member-at-large |
| Rev. Dana Takagi | Vice-President | Sally Aguirre | Member-at-large |
| Liz Milazzo | Secretary | Laurie McCann | Member-at-large |
| Michael Bashista | Treasurer | Rev. Gene Bush | Practice Leader |
| Chris Davidson | Member-at-large | Rev. Kokyo Henkel | Head Teacher |
| Mary Knudtson | Member-at-large | Rev. Patrick Teverbaugh | Practice Leader |

BOLD – Attended Meeting

AGENDA

FA=for action FYI= for your information FD-For Discussion

| | Agenda | Lead |
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| | Intention / zazen / appreciative inquiry | All |
| FA | Review/approve January meeting minutes Approved with 6 one's, pending Mary's feedback via email to reach a quorum. (Two members not present at January meeting.) Approved by Mary via email 3/1/17. | All |
| | Community Comments - none | |
| FD | EXECUTIVE SESSION – CONFIDENTIAL re legal matters | |
| FYI | <p>Treasurer's Report SCCCU Account Balances: \$21,943 Regular checking \$1,367 Savings \$110,387 Remodel account</p> <p>Updated Rates and fees schedule went out earlier this month. Any comments? Comment that donations for ceremonies are not tax deductible, and this might present a hardship to ordines who report self-employment income. However, donations made directly to ZC are deductible. <i>Background: Rates and Fees document says refer to ceremony letter for suggested donation. Jukai/Tokkudo letter says, ". . .please also consider making a donation to ZC and to the preceptor for the ceremony."</i> Discussion: Is it possible to indicate to an ordinee that their donations associated with the ceremony can be considered tax deductible? Request to not to blur the line between donation and a service. Michael will bring the question to our accountant to find out what's proper/legal. Request to review with the Practice Committee. Appropriate "container" for this deliberation discussed. It was noted that the San Francisco Zen Center is able to receive "designated donations," for particular program areas and even stipended individuals. Concern about donations coming through SCZC to support an individual vs donations that support programs. SCZC is not organized for the purpose of private gain for any one person.</p> | Michael |