

2021 12 December MBZC Board Meeting Minutes Zoom

Present: Clara, Susan N., Diane, Dina, Susan B., Robert

Absent: Sara

I Call to order & bow in 9:05

9:24 Sara bowed in

II Communication Agreements and Appreciations

Board members, in turn read communications agreement aloud

III Consensus Items: Approval of Agenda, November 14, 2021 Minutes and Treasurer's Report

- First month of new fiscal year. \$6135.00 received in response to fundraising card.
- Remind people, if they wish, to designate use of their donations

Moved, seconded, passed

IV Reports

- Donation Card Report – expense proposal to print more cards to send out to members who can now request a card and be added to mailing list online

Discussion:

1. Dina reports an adequate supply right now - reusing “return to sender” fundraising cards
2. Don't need vote in that fundraising cards is not a separate budget item

- Donations or budget expenditure for thank you gift for Mark and Jana

Discussion:

1. Thank you card for Mark and Jana signed by Board

- members at luncheon hosted by Diane
2. Proposal to include a giftcard in the card
 3. Excellent idea.
 4. Should be a designated amount funded by MBZC
 5. Jana and Mark's contribution has been priceless. This gift is to show our deep gratitude and appreciation for all they've brought to our sangha

Motion: MBZC purchase a \$500.00 gift certificate at the store of Jana and Mark's choice in deep gratitude and appreciation for all they've done for MBZC

Moved seconded and passed

- Update on insurance – Ben's answers to our question on Carl Cherry location

Discussion:

1. Cherry Center will be added as a venue
 2. Insurance bill has been paid thru the end of the year
 3. Susan N. continuing discussions with Ben as questions arise
 4. Have one waiver form signed for a year's duration rather than a new waiver for each event
 5. Should there be any limitations on activities not specifically stated before Ben clarifies our coverage?
 - No one planning outside activity before next Board meeting. Discuss question then based on Ben's answers
 - Resolve whether or not we should get a waiver for MBZC sponsored events at next Board meeting
- Teaching Council Report
 1. Status of hybrid events & dates
 - ½ day sitting last Sunday successful though sparsely attended
 - Ordination next year in March or April for Diane and

Guy. This is the beginning of priest training. They have been and will continue their deep immersion in practice after ordination

- Hybrid meeting on January 4th and 18th at Cherry to iron out technology. Concerns about vaccination policy. Public will not yet be invited

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2. Preliminary plans for Practice Period

- Feb 8-Apr 8 fascicle in Shobogenzo on Birth/Death. How death informs our living and birth informs our dying
- Following practice period there will be a day long or 3 day sitting. More information being gathered to make specific plans
- Jan 23 at Cherry Center, 4-6:30. TC will be providing dinner for PC and Board of Directors. A social event, celebrate getting together in a safe way. Vaccination or mask requirements not yet decided
- Stress need for strict covid rules e.g get rapid test before in person retreat. Want clear guidelines prior to any in-person activities. Request info on the rapid tests be shared
- SFZC practice period and sesshin, no coming and going
- Avoid use of word, " hybrid" in discussing events until the public is invited

Susan B. bowed out at 10:30

- Bylaws Committee Report

1. Guy attended the committee meeting as followup to his recommendations submitted in October
2. Approach By-laws as a whole, do a virtual rewrite of the document as a whole. No urgency. Complete within a year. Current by-laws functional. Possibly schedule By-law retreats. Board meetings not the best place to address a complete

By-law rewrite

- Clara and Dina will add approved, signed By-law amendments to documents file and notebook
- Set up retreats before new co-presidents take over
- No sense of urgency for retreat
- Need to decide if we want term limits, and if so should they be staggered

Motion: Mbzc schedule a By-laws Board retreat on the third sunday of May 2022

Moved seconded passed

V Fossil fuels treaty – Should MBZC endorse it as a sangha?

Discussion:

1. Signing fossil fuel treaty Shogen sent out for MBZC is done online only, a one time petition
2. Hold off on vote until next meeting when everyone will have received a copy of Shogen's request and research on originating organization
3. Other Zen organizations have signed

Robert bowed out 10:35

Bow out 10:55 Board members individually read the Three Refuges aloud