

MBZC Board Meeting at McGowan House in the Jung Room, September 11, 2022

Present Diane, Diana, Clara, Robert, Susan B. and Susan N, Sara

Bowing in at 9:12 am

Minutes Approved

May 22, 2022 Minutes Approved

3-month co-presidency - Susan B. asking Board to accept and approve Susan Nine's remaining 3-month co-presidency beginning October 9, 2022 and ending in December 2022.

Consent Agenda - Diane asks about the Teaching Council line item on report regarding the budget. Susan Nine moves we accept the agenda, and we place the TC budget item at the bottom of the agenda to be revisited. Sara seconded to approve agenda. All approved

Susan B. discusses annual fundraising card to have Dina spearhead the card and was unanimously approved by the Board via email.

Treasurer's Report – Diane read aloud names of those who donated. Reviews the Treasurer's report. Sangha members' donations covered all of Shogen's transmission expenses. Missing Teaching Council receipts so that they could be reimbursed before the end of this fiscal year.

Diane's concern is the Teaching Council might not have enough receipts to receive their \$1500/each reimbursement. The budget is overdrawn and is noted on the Treasurer's report sent out by Diane on 9/3/22 showing projected 2022-year end net of -\$5,529. The Brokerage account has fallen \$61,384 from last year 2021.

Susan N. asks about BBZ rent. We pay \$600/month to use McGowan House rooms. We stopped using St. James Church.

Clara suggests Teaching Council send receipts right away – a picture via text or email – so that all receipts have been received on time.

Susan B. asks Robert if the Teaching Council has budgeted for Sesshin and Practice Period. Susan N. suggests we make room to amend the upcoming Budget because we don't have numbers yet for a Sesshin. It's the Board's decision to see if we could afford to have a Sesshin. This will be tabled for the next meeting when the Board discusses Budget for next year.

Susan N. moves to accept the Treasurer's Report – all approve

Fundraising - Susan B. has met with Sonja Kohler to discuss fundraising. She has experience in fundraising for non-profits. Suggested MBZC contact the Community Foundation. The Budget Committee could meet with Sonja to discuss fundraising at the end of this month (September). She would like to be invited to a Board meeting.

Susan N. presents a brainstorming list of Fundraising Ideas: a few examples are membership dues, yard sales, book sales, poetry event, Buddhist film series, more fee base one day workshop, also include a launch party.

Membership dues, increase in fee for one day workshops, and "Poetry in the Garden" are popular choices.

Clara will have information on with how to implement membership dues application on the website

Robert will come back with more information on more fee based one day workshops

Sangha building is important – have Under One Roof – make it a monthly gathering at McGowan.

Teaching Council Report - Robert summarizing the Teaching Council will function and operate as 2 head teacher (Robert and Shogen) structure.

Shogen is in process of Dharma Transmission. Teachers will come up with a 6-month calendar, including Practice Period, Sesshin

While Robert took some time off these summer months and Shogen was preparing for Dharma Transmission, Sara organized and led Saturday classes: The first, with Patricia also participating, studied the Bodhisattva Way of Life. The group of about 7 wished to continue. The second class is studying Zen Mind Beginner's Mind and has grown to over 12. Sara is enjoying teaching the series.

Budget item concern from Susan N. – where is the money going to come from to balance our budget? Possibilities – from the Pershing fund or savings account. Currently, we use our savings account to pay rent for our locations. Susan N. moves the Board balances the budget as is needed by using the investment fund Pershing and/or savings account. Diane seconded and all approve.

Meeting adjourned at 11:02 am

Read aloud The Three Refuges

Next meeting October 9th, 9 am to 11 am at McGowan House