

AZC Board Meeting Minutes  
April 21, 2008

Present: Kojin Dinsmore (chair), Marianne Mitchell, Rudi Miller, Brendan Ryan, Charles Ball, Phil Gable, John Grimes (recording)  
Absent: Sherry Mason, Ronnie Schaefer, Barbara Kohn

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 pm and opened with 5 minutes of meditation.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved by acclamation.

*A motion was made to accept the proposed 2008 budget, seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.*

Rudi reported for the Fundraising and Membership Committees which have merged. The committee will send follow-up letters to unresponsive or ambivalent former members who have not renewed pledges. The committee is working up a program for a meditation class for colleges. The committee is working up a curriculum for corporate meditation outreach including team building, specifically a 2 hour workshop program. Brendan is negotiating with Norman Fischer and Marc Lesser about a local presentation. The committee has decided not to pursue the idea of renting out AZC space. There was something about Foundation work I didn't quite get. John Blum and a Tibetan Lama will use the zendo for a program Sat May 31 and Sun afternoon June 1. The committee asked Kojin to proceed with producing a sign for the front yard. *A motion was made, seconded and approved by voice vote to offer Google CheckOut as a payment option on our website until the end of the year on a trial basis.*

Phil, reporting for the Bylaws Committee, had two recommendations. We need to correct the address of AZC in the bylaws and officially add the approved ethics statement to the bylaws.

Charles, reporting for the Succession Committee, said he is actively interviewing sangha members past and present regarding ideas about the future leadership of AZC.

The office of Treasurer was discussed. No one present was available to fill the role. The duties of the Treasurer include oversight of staff implementation of fiscal policy, preparing annual budget, proposal of annual budget to the board and offering monthly reports to the board of ongoing financial status.

Kojin will send out an email about an Annual Meeting for 2008.

John made a proposal to begin a capital fund raising campaign specifically for renovation of the AZC kitchen. The floor and sink area are deteriorating rapidly and we could use a replacement for at least one refrigerator; these are minimum requirements.

Kojin offered a written definition of the position of Executive Director of AZC for board members to consider.

No one had a calendar so the next meeting will be arranged by email.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:08 pm.