

Minutes for AZC Transitional Board Meeting April 7, 2007

Present:

Board members: Paula Gable, Sherry Mason, Ronnie Schaefer, Jay Hook,
John Dinsmore, Jimi Ballard

Non-members: Barbara Kohn, Pat Yingst

The minutes from the last two board meetings were approved as written.

Friend Raising

The meeting began with a spirited discussion based on the article “Fundraising on Your Board” written by Hildy Gottlieb. The board skimmed the article together. Many ideas came up as a result of this article. The article emphasized “Friend Raising” over “Fund Raising” meaning the one would lead to the other. One tangible result of the discussion was a commitment by all board members to contact two non-active AZC members before the next meeting.

This was followed by a discussion of the need for a sign at the front of the center so that people will know we are here. Several ideas were mentioned: implementing a gate which was part of the initial landscape design, moving the sign we have to a place where it can be more visible, or getting a new sign.

Committee Reports

Building and Grounds:

Ronnie reported on his recent study of the zendo floor issue. He suggested that we might be able to save money by installing plywood panels between the rafters. This would be equivalent to building a sub-floor from underneath. He estimates the material for such a project to be \$1000 for 3/4 inch plywood and labor costs at \$1200-\$1500 for 2 people to do the work. The Houston Zen Center has done something similar.

He suggested that we do a trial run on a small part that really needs improvement. He thinks this can be a 2-day project costing less than \$1000.

Fundraising and Public Relations:

This committee has discussing the making and distributing of cards or flyers to public places. They have also discussed having some sort of community outing to which the neighborhood would be invited.

Visioning Retreat

The Board Visioning Retreat with Kyoki Roberts will be May 18, 19. Board members will meet the evening of the 18th and from 8 –5 on the 19th. It is desired that board

members arrange individual talks with Kyoki prior to the 19th. It is also a good idea to talk to individuals from the sangha prior to the retreat.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be May 5, 2007 at 8 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Yingst
Board Secretary

ACTION ITEMS:

1. All members – contact 2 non-active sangha members before the board retreat
2. All members – distribute flyers to public places (dojo's, yoga studios, stores)