

AZC Board Meeting  
June 9, 2007

Present: Paula Gable, Barbara Kohn, Sherry Mason, Ronnie Schaeffer, Kojin Dinsmore, Jay Hook, John Grimes (recording)  
Absent: Jimi Ballard

The meeting was called to order at 8:12 am.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved by voice vote.

The agenda was reordered by consensus to first have reports and old business before moving on to the Visioning Work report and discussion.

In membership/PR Sherry gave a report on visibility in The Statesman and was asked to implement her plan of periodic announcements in the weekly Metro section of that paper. She will investigate possibilities with The Chronicle. She will continue investigating signage possibilities for the front garden within an approved budget of up to \$2,000 for a covered glass enclosed installation that disseminates information. The board by unanimous voice vote asked Ronnie Schaeffer to move the existing sign over the front door around to the side of the front porch facing onto 31<sup>st</sup> St. to increase visibility.

The treasurer reported that basic day to day operations of AZC continues to be sound and sustainable.

The operations report centered on painting 3014. The board formed a committee consisting of Ronnie Schaeffer, Kojin Dinsmore and John Grimes (chair) to get three bids for the job with a budget range of \$10-15,000. This should cover prepping, restoring, priming and painting all wood surfaces, and restoration of window frames and sashes. The committee was instructed to investigate whether or not any of the work can be done by the sangha to lessen the outlay of community funds. This job is not intended to include the back building, which will be done in-house.

Also Ronnie continues to work on a pilot project to rectify weak sections of the zendo floor that seem to give under weight.

The website report focused on Kojin's redesign focusing on newcomers. Kojin asks for feedback. Jay Hook volunteered to coordinate posting mp3 files of dharma talks of this center on the website as soon as possible.

A motion was made seconded and approved by consensus to support Barbara and possibly Jimi to approach Flint and Peg and report back about the work they had accomplished on the study center so that this will not be lost. Barbara and John Grimes will pull together old board work and compile a policies and procedures manual for AZC.

John will make the by-laws as they stand readily available for examination and try to find out what other similarly sized Zen centers have in place for bylaws.

There was a discussion of the function of the board vis-à-vis the visioning process. For now the board will continue with advice and consent to the nuts & bolts functioning of the center and the visioning committee will continue their work. The board supports the committee to come up with a meaningful visioning statement that can serve as a basis for unification of purpose, send it out to the membership and obtain feedback, including affirmation or denial of consensus.

The next meeting will be July 21, 2007, 8:00 am in the Annex.