

MINUTES – Sangha Meeting – February 23, 2014 – Convened at 10:50 am**Present:** Tim Yukl, Amy Eble, Sherri Coudon, Suzanna Stoner

Directors – Pres. Jen Yukl, Treasurer Gina Vavra, Secretary Eric Higgins-Freese, Zuiko Redding

TOTAL PRESENT: 8

COUNCIL was held.**MINUTES: Motion to approve by Jen, seconded by Eric****PRACTICE REPORT – Zuiko – See Appendix A****TREASURER’S REPORT – Gina Vavra**1. Accounts as of 2/22/14:

Checking (Hills)	\$4,172.99			
Savings (Hills)	\$4,010.19			
Savings (UICCU)	\$5.00		Working Accounts	\$8,188.18
* N.T.F. Savings (LACCU)	\$1,703.75		New Teacher Fund	\$1,703.75
36 mo. CD (LACCU)	\$15,351.35	06/12/15	1.492 % [1.5 % APY]	\$15,351.35
48-59 mo. CD (Hills)	\$21,331.40	02/15/16	1.99 % [2.0 % APY]	\$21,331.40
36 mo. CD (LACCU)	\$20,959.68	07/19/16	[1.3 % APY]	\$20,959.68
49-60 mo. CD (UICCU)	\$20,359.44	04/01/17	2.13 % [2.15 % APY]	\$20,359.44
Money Market Fund (ING)	\$24,950.00	NA	NA	\$24,950.00
			Grand Total	\$112,843.80

2. 2014 Budget: : Tim wondered if we should explore more options for donation of some of our funds.**WORK LEADER’S REPORT – Jen Yukl**

1. Thank you: Thanks to those who were able to contribute their time making our New Year’s events happen in style
2. Work Day: Tabled until March meeting

BUILDING & GROUNDS – Jen Yukl and Zuiko Redding

Projects to be completed in the spring and summer:

- Insulation where fireplace is covered / draft noticeable: Fitz will be repairing this.
- Kitchen sink area – water staining and rust: Fitz has been contacted to look into necessary repairs.
- Removal of chimney / Replacement of roof: \$3100 bid from Fitzpatrick Construction was approved on 2/19.

OLD/CONTINUING BUSINESS

1. Request for weekly posts on our Facebook page: Amy Eble will continue to make weekly Facebook and Twitter posts. She requests stories, thought or snippets she could use.

2. 4 Oaks thank you letter: some discussion about giving more. Talk to Zuiko if you have questions.

NEW BUSINESS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. CRZC Annual Meeting, Elections, & Potluck Lunch – Sunday, April 27, after the Dharma talk: Election of two board members will occur at this meeting. Nominations are being accepted now. Please consider joining. Ryan Wheeler is willing to serve another 3-year term if needed. Tim Macejak is uncertain at this time. If you are interested in serving as a director or would like to nominate someone, let Jen Yukl know [cell: 551-4018 / email: jyukl@cr.k12.ia.us or jyukl44@gmail.com].
2. “Lest We Forget” – Holocaust Memorial sponsored by the Inter-Religious Council and the Thaler Holocaust Memorial Foundation – April 7 (7:00 pm): Contact Jen if interested in helping.
3. Asian Cultural Festival – Saturday, June 7:
Should we donate? Gina will check on the website to see how to donate and report back.
4. More events in Cedar Rapids: See flyers provided by the Inter-Religious Council
5. Question if we should post minutes on web site:
Eric wondered if it would allow members who do not come to the sangha meeting to see what was decided and discussed.
Decided we could post approved minutes.

NEXT SANGHA MEETING: March 23

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 pm

Respectfully submitted by Eric Higgins-Freese

Appendix A

Practice Report – January and February, 2014

We didn't have a sangha meeting in January, so this report is for two months.

Center Activities

- Dharma school – a good number of children. We've been talking about breath lately. We are also beginning to sing songs. We got a wonderful CD from Sumi Kim in South Carolina and we're learning some of those. They come from Thich Nhat Hanh and others.
- Introductory evening – at least four people. Zuiko did the session. If someone else is interested in doing zazen instruction, let Zuiko know.
- All-day sittings – attendance has been low. It's good to develop the habit of spending a day or half a day in sitting two or three times a year.
- Sunday orientation – Thanks to Tim Yukl for doing these orientations. There seems to be at least one Sunday newcomer each month.
- Zen Practice and Tradition – had two students this time. If you have ideas about getting the word out on this course, please let Zuiko know.

Special Events

- New Year's Eve and New Year's Day – were really good. Five people sat at least part of the evening for New Year's Eve and there were thirty to forty people for the open house on New Year's Day.
- Dharma study group – on science and religion began on February 7. We have eight members. If you're interested in joining, let Zuiko know.

Zuiko's Activities

- Talk at Spiritual Awareness Day at the Cherry Building, January 25
- Half-day sitting in Bloomington-Normal, Illinois yesterday, February 22
- Edited three talks for the Soto Shu web site
- No visit to Mt. Pleasant Correctional Institution this month – weather considerations

Members' Activities

- Tim Yukl is mentioned above – thank you.
- Tim Yukl and Tim Macejak continue to visit the Anamosa group.
- Tim and Jen, Katie, Gina, and many others helped at New Year's.

Announcements

- Zen Practice and Tradition – begins again on March 11
- Kuga Sensei will return June 13 (Friday) for another baika workshop. Zuiko hopes to invite interested people from nearby sanghas.
- Baika Practice – this Wednesday, February 25 (5:00 to 6:00 p.m.)