

MINUTES – Sangha Meeting – March 23, 2014 – Convened at 10:50 am**Present:** Tim Yukl, Amy EbleDirectors – President Jen Yukl, Vice-President Bill Bomberry, Treasurer Gina Vavra, Secretary Eric Higgins-Freese
Resident Teacher – Zuiko Redding

TOTAL PRESENT: 7

COUNCIL was held.**MINUTES – none to approve****PRACTICE REPORT – Zuiko – See Appendix A****TREASURER’S REPORT – Gina Vavra**1. Accounts as of 3/23/14:

Checking (Hills)	\$4,444.06				
Savings (Hills)	\$4,010.19				
Other Savings (UICCU,LACCU)	\$13.13			Working Accounts	\$8,467.38
* N.T.F. Savings (LACCU)	\$2,100.81			New Teacher Fund	\$2,100.81
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)	\$25,000.00	52.8% CRZC		47.2% NTF	\$25,000.00
				Grand Total	\$113,570.06

WORK LEADER’S REPORT – Jen Yukl and Zuiko

- Work Day: Will be May 10 from 9am to 2pm. Lunch will be provided.
 - Discussion about removing stone path between sidewalk and curb. When the city repaves Beaver Ave. and the curb in front of the center, they will remove our stone path – unless we request they do not (or we can temporarily remove it ourselves to prevent any damage to the stones). Tim Yukl pointed out that there is evidence of a concrete sidewalk below our stone walk. Decision made that Zuiko will check with the city about whether they can replace the original connecting concrete walk to the street. This should be at no cost to us if the original concrete walk was put in by the city.
 - Other possible work plans: repaint the back of top step to match the tread, clean and organize in basement, take items to landfill, and clean the zendo.
- Extended Work Period – possible in June: Discussion about extending work period on Sunday, June 8. This will be to clean the center before the weekend of June 14-15 (Baika Workshop on Saturday night and All-day Sitting on Sunday).

BUILDING & GROUNDS – Jen Yukl

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.

OTHER BUSINESS

1. Annual Meeting – April 27: Discussion about the election of board members. Two director terms are ending, and nominations are still being accepted. Regarding the election of officers, Bill may be willing to be nominated for president. Reminder given that there will be a potluck lunch.
2. Donation to support the Asian Cultural Festival – June 7: \$25 donation motioned by Eric, 2nd by Zuiko. Motion passed.
3. Buddha’s Birthday Celebration – Sunday, April 6 (10 am to noon):
 - Amy will bring carrot cake.
 - Plans made to clean for the ceremony during the work period of March 30.
4. Baika Workshop – Saturday June 14: 7 pm to 9 pm at Prairiewoods
 - All-day sitting the next day will begin at 6am. First sitting period will be skipped.
5. Administrative Assistant change:
 - Karen Hartlep will step down at the end of March.
 - Nadine Borngraeber has been hired.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. “Lest We Forget” – Holocaust Memorial sponsored by the Inter-Religious Council and the Thaler Holocaust Memorial Foundation – April 7 (7:00 pm): St. Mark’s Lutheran, 8300 C Ave. NE in Marion
 - This Yom Hashoah service will feature Holocaust survivor Cesare Frustaci. A full list of events where Mr. Frustaci will be speaking during the week of April 6th can be found at www.holocausteducate.org.
 - Update regarding the request at February’s sangha meeting for assistance at this service: Jen notified Rabbi Todd Thalblum that she will be available to assist with a reading or lighting of candles; however, Jen is willing to let someone else do this honor.
2. “Building an Inclusive Community, One Neighborhood at a Time” – C.R. Civil Rights Commission – Wednesday, April 24 – all-day event starting at 8:30 am: C.R. Convention Complex, Double Tree
 - Jen gave some explanation of this event. This is part of the Cedar Rapids Civil Rights Commission research to identify gaps (who is being left out of our community’s success) and their plan to work with others toward possible solutions. [Information & registration details at www.cedar-rapids.org/civilrights]
3. More events in Cedar Rapids: from recent Inter-Religious Council meeting
 - **Intersections – next civil dialogue and luncheon – Friday, April 4 (11:45am–1pm)**: See <http://interfaithallianceiowa.org/events/intersections/> for details about registering for lunch.
 - **Prairiewoods annual event – “Rooted in Compassion: Cosmology, Eco-Justice, and Empathic Wisdom” – March 28 (7 – 9 pm) and March 29 (9 am – 3:30 pm)**: Double Tree / Register at www.Prairiewoods.org
Speakers: Marc Ian Barasch and Drew Dellinger
 - **Jesus Seminar – “Reframing Christian Scriptures” – April 4 & 5**: People’s Church, 4980 Gordon Ave. NW
Register at <http://www.westarinstitute.org/events/cedar-rapids/>
 - **Experience the Word Come to Life – a Presentation of The Saint John’s Bible – May 2 through June 8**: Prairiewoods / Details and hours at www.Prairiewoods.org
 - **Healthy Congregations Facilitator Training – Thurs., May 29 & Fri., May 30 (9am–5pm)**: Unity of Cedar Rapids,
3791 Blairs Ferry Rd NE / Register by May 15 at www.MarthaCreek.com
 - **Extraordinary Leadership in Healthy Congregations – Saturday, May 31 (10:30am–4:30pm)**: Unity of CR, 3791 Blairs Ferry Rd NE / Love offering basis; no registration required / See www.MarthaCreek.com
 - **“The Work” of Byron Katie, Living in Joy – Loving What Is – Sunday, June 1 (Noon to 3pm)**: Unity of CR, 3791 Blairs Ferry Rd NE / No registration required / See www.MarthaCreek.com
 - **Spring Eco-Programs at Prairiewoods – March & April**: See www.Prairiewoods.org for program information.

ANNUAL MEETING: April 27

Meeting adjourned at 11:50 pm

Respectfully submitted by Eric Higgins-Freese

Appendix A

Practice Report – March, 2014

Center Activities

- Dharma school – We had three children. We looked at where cookies come from.
- Introductory evening – One person. Zuiko did the session. If someone else is interested in doing zazen instruction, let Zuiko know.
- Ohigan sesshin – Four people came, including a new person. It's good to see people taking advantage of these opportunities.
- Sunday orientation – We had at least one person. Thanks to Tim Yukl for doing these orientations.
- Study group – Has six participants. We are discussing the relationship between science and religion from the Buddhist perspective. The group will end on April 11.

Special Events

- Baika – Gina, Jean, and Zuiko began meeting to practice baika together. We meet sporadically on Wednesdays in the late afternoon. If you're interested, please speak with Zuiko.

Zuiko's Activities

- Attended Soto Shu board meeting in San Francisco – March 3
- Edited three talks for the Soto Shu web site. Check the new video.

Members' Activities

- Tim Yukl is mentioned above – thank you.
- Tim Yukl and Tim Macejak continue to visit the Anamosa group.
- Jen was doan, Gina was jisha, and Tim Yukl was tenzo for sesshin – thanks to all of you.

Announcements

- Kuga Sensei will return June 14 (Saturday) for another baika workshop. The workshop will be at Prairiewoods from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Zuiko hopes to invite interested people from nearby sanghas.
- Hoko Karnegis will be with us for the all-day sitting on May 18 and she will work with us on baika on Saturday, May 17. Details are being arranged.