Annual Meeting of Zen Community of Oregon // 5.14.17


Meeting location: Heart of Wisdom

Intro

Opened at 3:36 with Zazen

President’s Remarks // Larry Fuho Trussell
- Discussions are happening at Great Vow and Heart of Wisdom to identify needs that will be discussed at board meeting in the fall

Teacher Remarks // Hogen
- They have been teaching here since 1984
- Next unfolding of the organization will be around developing a plan for succession of Hogen and Chozen.

Updates

Great Vow Zen Monastery // Kisei
- Presented slideshow of photos from around the monastery
- Shinei, Soten, Kisei, and Jogen are now living in liberation hall. The retreat center is again open for personal retreats.

Heart of Wisdom Zen Temple // Kodo
- Presented slideshow of photos from Heart of Wisdom
- Updates given on ongoing programs/activities including service positions, weekday morning meditations, Refuge Recovery, Drop in Dharma, Sunday morning service, climate change group, social justice group, awakening to whiteness group, the library, Trillium house
- Access to Dharma fundraising was a success with over 40 people donating. There will be a chair for the stairs, sound system, and improvements to the bathrooms.
- The library is looking for help

**Communications // Kisei**

- There is a Youtube page with teachings that is managed by Shiho. Please subscribe! If there are any topics people would like to see let Shiho know.
- 3 facebook pages: Great Vow, Great Vow group page, Heart of Wisdom,
- Mixcloud page of Jogen’s meditation mixes
- Online newsletter
- Blog on zendust website. Kisei is doing blog posts for the monastery and they are looking for volunteers from ZCO
- Will be redoing website with a new designer that will be more modern and have a responsive design that will work on smartphones.

**Update from ZCO Administrator // Bansho**

- He began in August to work on organization functioning and helping systems operate more smoothly
- A membership database has been developed that interacts with website
- Developed system to keep track of donors
- Discovered that 40% of members weren’t getting emails and newsletter which has now been fixed
- Access to Dharma was a successful example of community fundraising and included donations from many non-members
- Zenworks is on Etsy
- Bansho will be working with board, Heart of Wisdom, and Great Vow to develop a program to get input from the Sangha to be used at board retreat

**Treasurer’s report // Bansho**

- Annual mortgage payment for Great Vow is $50,000 and the full mortgage will be paid off in 2021
- Heart of Wisdom was paid off in 2016
- Building and Grounds fees are $114,500
- People fees are $150,000 for food, health insurance, trainings etc.
- Community is supported by offering Dharma retreats and programs ($200,0000), donations ($120,000), ZCO members, and Zen Works ($30,000)

**Business meeting // Fuho**

Board members
- There are 7 board members who serve 3 year terms
- Chozen has a term that doesn’t expire as the spiritual leader
- She selects two directors
- Voting member of ZCO elects remaining four
- There are two board member positions up this year. The first is Kisei who was nominated by Chozen. She was renominated and accepted.
- Julie served for two 3 year terms and the nomination committee put forward Nan Kyoko Whitaker to take her place. Membership voted to accept.

Nomination Committee
- 6 people nominated and membership voted to accept.

Board Officers
- Kisei made motion to nominate Fuho for President, Bansho for treasurer, and Jim for secretary. Dainen seconded and motion was passed by board.

*minutes submitted by Jim Hornor, Secretary*