

MZMC Board Minutes, January 15, 2017

Handouts/Attachments: Proposal for speaker series (Randy), Firm Ground Budget/Design options and Fees for Services, Email from Firm Ground (FGAE) listing MZMC board requests, Spreadsheet of media Partners (Randy)

Members present: Randy Wedin (over Skype), Wayne Moskowitz, Jim Niland, Susan Nelson, Bussho Lahn, Deb Mielke, Paul Gilsdorf

Members not present: Karen Davis

Staff present: Admin. Director, Tim Burkett, Ted O'Toole

Community members present: None

1. November minutes- Approved with some edits.

2. Disclosure of Conflicts of Interest – None disclosed.

3. Future Meeting Dates – Changes to February and June meeting dates made: 2/12 and 6/11 were chosen. Ben does DFS on the February date in zendo. Susan out of town for February board meeting.

March 19 is the date for the Annual Meeting. Bussho gives 15-20 minute talk that day. Susan is upstairs leading Intro to Zen. We will update sangha on decisions regarding new rehab and building plans. Details of board presentations to sangha will be planned during our February meeting.

4. Board Tenure – Deb Mielke's term is up in March, and she will not be able to renew. Bussho and Susan's terms are also up. They will give their decisions about staying or not by the end of January. Members are thinking of individuals in sangha to approach with fundraising, non-profit or friend-making skills. Wayne's term also up. He has decided to continue as President. Thank you Wayne! Thank you Deb for your service.

5. Facility Discussion – (Wayne) Motion was passed to direct Firm Ground to go ahead with the proposal under consideration, to spend \$4,250 to come up with budget and design options for the small new addition and for the renovation of existing facilities. Motion by Jim, Paul seconds.

Ted will stay in touch with Thomas Bruner who is still interested. He would like to know the scope of the project. We are determining this scope through our work with Firm Ground. Ted will inquire as to when Thomas might be able to start to work with us on the campaign planning.

6. February Movie Night at Spring House Ministry, Community builder and fund raiser– (Paul) Full cinematic experience. Publicity and volunteer sign-up moving along well.

7. Media relationships and Friend Making:

Members checked in on friend making efforts in the group. We will assign partners at the February meeting; people who will commit to regularly checking in with key staff/writers at local media outlets. Jim offered to take three of those, which he already has experience with. Randy and Tim both made connections with publicity partners for Blank Friday. List of potential outlets with contacts distributed to members.

8. 2017 Speaker Series

The proposal was discussed. Tim and Wayne will meet with Temple Israel, and we will go from there to refine focus and direction.

9. Committee and Project Reports:

Membership drive went well with over \$70,000 in pledges.

Looked over communication report.

10. Admin Report – Admin. reports that we were in the black from 2016 and did not dip into reserves for 2016. Full report at next meeting.

11. Teacher Report – Ted and Tim:

Tim talked about the new logo and a calligraphy class by Bob Schmitt to be offered off-site.

12. New Business

None.

13. Adjourn

Deb motioned and Jim Seconded. Meeting adjourned.