



Sky Creek Dharma Center

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Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors

Sky Creek Dharma Center

January 10, 2008

5:30 – 7:00 PM at Sky Creek Dharma Center

Board Members Present:

Jasper Lerch, President
Ann Ponzio, Co-Secretary
Kirsten Boyd, Co-Secretary
Jessica MacKenzie, Treasurer
Bob Egert

Others Present:

Stephen Burgess “Rocky”

Proceedings:

Meeting called to order at 5:36pm.

Minutes for December 12th were approved.

Treasurer’s Report:

Jessica reported to the Board that the PG&E bill is paid as of the current date, that the center has about half a tank of propane left, and that we are close to paying rent for the month. Approximately \$1,386.00 is left in the bank after all deposits were made. That money was motioned to be put toward paying rent when funds become available. Bob motioned; Ann seconded; Aye: all; Nay: 0; Abstain:0.

Monetary Shortcomings and How to Remedy Them

Some discussion ensued by the Board about how the center is managing to remain a functioning Non-Profit Organization instead of going under. Jessica informed the Board that the Center needs a \$2,000 per month baseline income in order to pay all bills on time, but that \$2,500 per month would be ideal in providing the Center with a monetary cushion to fall back on in case of need.

Currently, the Center can make due with \$1,300 per month divided in the following ways:

Pledges	\$750.00
Sanghas	\$550
Rocky’s Rent	\$300

However, the Center has only been pulling in between \$700-\$1,200 per month all winter. As such, the Board proposes the following ideas in order to achieve the best monetary productivity:

1. More Pledges/Awareness of the Need to Pledge
2. Follow up on the donation email sent out in the beginning of December
3. A one-time meeting with sanghas solely inform them of the monetary situation at the Center
4. Re-asking sangha members if they can contribute a bit more if the Center is just shy of making its goal for the month.
5. Renting rooms in the center to Dharma-friendly businesses during daytime hours
6. Holding more events to publicize and generate funds

Other ideas mulled over by the board but not formally agreed on:

5. Creating a list of benefits the Center can offer to the community (like Spirit Rock)
5. A catchy capital campaign (e.g. one donor giving one million dollars, match it like the S.F. Zen Center)
6. Classes being held at the Center (which Rocky offered to teach)

Also, some discussion was held of a potential “visionary retreat” which would be held strictly for the planning of how the Center will meet its monetary goals. This is an idea to potentially plan for the future sustainability of the Dharma Center and is an idea the Board will more than likely consider in the future.

Ann, Jessica, and Rocky formed a subcommittee to examine rent revenue vs. event revenue in efforts to inform the Board about the best way to strategize how to generate the most income for the Center.

Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, January 16, 2008 from 5:00-7:00 at Sky Creek Dharma Center

Meeting adjourned by Jasper Lerch at 6:50 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by-

Kirsten Boyd
Co-Secretary to the Board