



Sky Creek Dharma Center

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors

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March 26, 2008

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

Board Members Present:

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

Proceedings:

Meeting called to order at 5:32pm by Jasper Lerch.

Minutes from the previous meeting held on February 20 were reviewed and motioned into approval by Kirsten with the omission of a potential renter's name, and the addition of Kym Coco's name/Joyful Yoga; Seconded by Bob; Aye: 5; Nay: 0; Abstain: 1.

Agenda:

Executive Committee Report:

Nothing new to report other than there is a new rooster on the premises that has mysteriously come to inhabit the grounds.

Treasurer's Report:

In the informal Treasurer's Report, Jessica verbally informed the Board that April's rent will be paid on time. There was a short discussion about the importance of pledges to help the Center pay its bills on time.

Rental Committee Report:

Ann reported that she had advertised the North space of the Dharma Center in *The Chico ER* and Craig's List for the month of February at \$400. She received several inquiries, but nothing solid ever came through.

Jessica reported that she and Kate recently met as the Promotion's Committee. They have developed a substantial and comprehensive list of prospects who might consider utilizing the center for professional meetings or events. They will begin contacting the list in the near future.

There has been an offer of \$200 to rent the center one upcoming afternoon by Susan Place. Ann, Jessica, and Joanne will be following up on that offer with her.

Continuing Business:

A. Sunday Morning All-Sangha Sits:

Discussion concerning the lack of attendance for Sunday sits was taken up. There are two main issues at hand:

1. Lack of commitment
2. Communicating with people so that the sangha's know what is happening and when.

Board members will return to their respective sangha's and report to the Executive Committee how many members of their sangha's are even interesting in committing to Sunday morning sits.

The Board will work to resolve all kinks by the end of April.

B. Consideration of Rocky's Proposals

Consideration of Rocky's proposals to teach Dharma talks will be discussed at the next Executive Committee meeting. When Rocky returns from his retreat, the Board will ask him to re-propose his ideas, as they may have changed.

C. Committee Work

Committee work will come and go, depending on need. It will be the job of the Executive Committee to keep updates and information current and to keep business taken care of.

It was suggested that potentially hiring someone for two hours a week or so to take care of clerical and light maintenance around the center would help keep the Center maintained.

D. Tax-Exempt Status

Jessica gave the tax-exempt application and all relevant papers to Joanne who will complete the Dharma Center's tax-exempt/NPO status.

New Business:

A. Quarterly Board Meetings

Jessica proposed the idea before the Board that fewer meetings should be held a year now that the Board has become more self-sustaining and stable in its operations. Discussion was taken up as to how often and when meetings should be held. It is a learning process to be on a Board, and with no Executive Director currently, all members of the Board (being the body) represent the

