



Steering Committee Meeting
November 1, 2015, Rancho Mesner
Minutes

Present: Doug Mesner, Diane Mesner, Linda Stone, Lois Adams, Kerry Kramer, Barbara Billstrand, Kate Booth, Sybil Gagliardo, Mike Gagliardo, Jan Meserve, David Cockrell

1. **Treasurer's report:** \$1,530.76 in the checking account. \$253.97 in Savings. Rent paid through the end of the year. We need to remember to invite everyone to donate at all our events. We also need to remember to put away the money after a sitting, so CIP knows what it is.
2. **Sangha property-owners liability policy:** We think Merrilee is managing our renter's liability insurance, and Kerry will contact Merrilee to establish that this is paid up and the CIP is listed as covered. Kerry will notify Barb of the status of the policy.
3. **One-day Retreat 11-14-15.** Five people indicated an intention to attend. We decided to reaffirm our decision that retreat registration fees will be paid to the sangha, and the sangha will provide a flat fee to the teacher. Additional dana is welcome, and each person has the freedom to offer dana to either the teacher or the sangha.

Diane and Kate offered to be either server or lunch coordinator. We discussed candles: Several people expressed a preference for dripless tapers. Votive candles in aluminum containers were also discussed. We talked about having a variety, and also about discussing candles with the teachers. Merrilee will be consulted as well.

Lois volunteered to call the Appliance King to inquire about hauling the refrigerator away. Everyone agreed that we should give away the refrigerator.

4. **We discussed the gmail situation.** We will start a new policy now of sending all messages for distribution to wetmountainsangha1, with a copy to Kate so that she will know that there is something that needs to be sent out. She will then go into the sangha account and forward the message to the appropriate distribution lists.
5. **Flowers for Wednesdays:** Sybil volunteered to coordinate flowers for Wednesday evening services. Thank you, Sybil!
6. **Sangha Support Committee:** Kerry will serve as a point person for a Support Committee. She will contact others and set up a specific meeting to talk about how to move forward in working with children, young adults, ill and dying.
7. **Christmas Eve service:** We are flattered to be invited, and we enjoyed the collaboration last year. The SC wasn't able to identify committed volunteers at this meeting but we are open to a possibility of sharing the service in the form of leading a meditation and/or a chant or two. Barbara will communicate back to Neema.
8. **Dharma Talk with Sarah on Nov. 18:** We are excited about this. Mike will put it on the website.
9. **WITR in December:** Kerry will follow up with Andrew to firm up a date on the second or fourth Saturday for this.
10. Meeting adjourned 1:00 pm sharp. Next meeting: Dec. 6.

Respectfully submitted, David