



Wet Mountain Sangha  
Steering Committee  
02/20/16

Minutes

**Present:** Mike Guagliardo, Doug Mesner, Diane Mesner, Jan Meserve, Merrilee Barnett, David Cockrell, Lois Adams

**Financial Report:** \$2,534 in income for first two months of the year. \$1,307 in expenses. Current balance \$2,608.73 in all accounts.

**CIP and Facility:** We had a good conversation about our space needs, and the arrangement we have with the CIP. We do still aspire to dedicated space. We also talked about the need for good storage. Action Item: We will begin to explore other housing options for the sangha. David will check out the UCC church more specifically. Lois will help.

**Buddha and Bell:** The Steering Committee decided to move forward with the purchase of a Buddha and a bell. Mike volunteered to go to the Lighthouse Bookstore in Boulder to see what they have, and to see if the Cloisonné Buddha is still there by some chance. He will take pictures and report back on availability and prices.

**Teacher celebration March 5 3:00 pm:** Contact has been made with Joan, Tenney, and Megan to solicit their words or involvement. Sarah has committed to coming. Diane is coordinating much of the event. Merrilee volunteered to put together the program. We need a group to decorate on the day of the ceremony from 11-1, and David volunteered to take leadership on set-up of the hall. We will announce on Wednesday to try to get volunteers to participate in this. Linda Stone, Kate and Diane are working on the food. Mike suggested Sybil might be willing to make a dish, and Merrilee suggested Diana might also help out. Merrilee will buy smaller items at Vitamin Cottage. Mike agreed to check out rstras at Tomato Joes. Jan will bring flowers.

**Residential Teacher:** We agreed that the Chair of the Steering Committee is the appropriate point of contact for the teacher. We agreed to offer to host Andrew for a first Friday/Saturday get to know Pueblo visit beginning March 11 & 12. David offered to have Andrew stay at his house if needed. Merrilee talked about Andrew's offer to start a koan seminar, and we all talked about leader training. The SC suggested Doug talk to Andrew about starting these new programs right away.

**Communications:** Many many thanks to Mike Gagliardo for management of our website for the last year and more. Tim is working on our new website. David is updating the old site until the new one goes live. Diana is doing a great job on managing the Facebook page. We need to make sure Tim gets an automatic payment system set up on the new website.

**Leaning In Committee:** David gave a brief report on the group's structure for offering help to people. The committee needs to generate a questionnaire for sangha members who might like to offer help. Then we need to publicize the availability of help. We talked about whether these

services should be available to family members of sangha members. Basically this looks like a subjective issue, and we will want to be flexible but not overextend our capacity.

Meeting adjourned 11:15.

Respectfully submitted, David