



Wet Mountain Sangha  
Steering Committee Meeting 09-13-15  
Rancho Mesner

Present: Doug Mesner, Diane Mesner, Jan Meserve, Merrilee Barnett, Daryl Murphy, David Cockrell

1. We discussed facilitation of **the fall dharma study**. Merrilee agreed to lead facilitation, with assistance from others, especially those who are involved in Andrew's Tao group. Merrilee will get a message out with details for the upcoming meeting Sept. 20.
2. **WITR Sept. 26**: Kerry and Jan will be coordinating. Jan asked that we identify additional people to coordinate WITR in the future so that we spread the responsibility. Merrilee volunteered to come on the 26<sup>th</sup> and participate in leadership.
3. **Public Talk 09-16-15**: Set-up: We'll maintain the regular hall organization, with the rows of cushions/chairs a little closer together. The stage will be the overflow seating, along with rows behind the cushions. Kerry is leading and will sit in the usual Wednesday leader position next to the altar. David will sit on the other side of the altar. Altar should be right up next to the stage. Andrew will sit opposite the altar as usual. We will set the front row of the hall in all cushions, with all chairs behind. Kate, Merrilee, Diane and Doug will be greeters. All who are coming should try to come early to help set up. The Practice Check-in will go on until 5:45. We will have tea water ready to go for after the service, but no additional refreshments.
4. We had a good talk about bringing **flowers on Wednesday nights**. We will try to ask someone to coordinate this for Wednesdays.
5. **Sangha Email**: Merrilee volunteered to put together a little meeting of everyone using the sangha email to see if we can figure out gmail! She will invite Kate, Doug, David, Kerry and everyone who is involved in sending messages. We need to add Dustin McCracken to the dharma study email list.
6. **Financial Report**: Checking \$2,574.76. \$335 for Bell & Buddha is included in this figure. \$253.94 in scholarship fund. Rent is paid through September. Leaders should remember to remind people about dana at all sangha events.
7. **Retreats**: We discussed and decided to actively offer to help with the summer 2016 mahasangha retreat. WMS' own long meditation retreats will be suspended for the time being.
8. **November one-day retreat with Andrew**: This will be the primary topic for the October Steering Committee meeting. Doug will mention to Andrew to begin considering leadership.

Respectfully submitted,  
David