

**Vipassana Santa Cruz
Board Meeting Agenda
12/02/2009 @ 6:30PM at Lael Ambrose's House**

MEDITATION

BRIEF CHECK-IN (USE TALKING PIECE)

READING OF THE NORMS (JASON)

TIME-KEEPER WILL BE G

APPROVAL/DISCUSSION OF THE MINUTES :

- October minutes approved w/ minor changes

CONSENT CALENDAR (FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES):

- (Val) The Sangha Care group has met with Nancy and Bob and will be designing a flyer to alert the sangha on what we offer and how to contact us. Anyone who would like to be available to offer sangha care through this group should contact Nancy Gill. This group will meet approximately 3-4 times a year to re-evaluate their needs and the needs of the sangha.

BUSINESS AND VOLUNTEERS

- Volunteer Coordinator replacement: No replacement yet; perhaps rename position as “Sangha Administrator” or Event Coordinator;” Mary Lou might be interested (MG will contact).
- Expectations for Board members regarding dana for council days: Point was made that Board has funded outside organization before; some Board members said that the problem was one of process—there should always be Board approval prior to the event. No action was taken.

PROGRAM

- Program and Update: LMB has been paid deposit; Carla and Alice will lead New Years Eve sit; in general, things are thriving.
- Allowing sangha members to hold "private" sits: Board members expressed a desire to set up principles for approval. For example: members only, activity not contrary to Dharma, Buddhist-related activity; dana only. No action taken.

FINANCE

- Phil has given notice – need to find a new bookkeeper; job description in the file cabinet; need to draft an announcement (MG and Bill will deal with this).

- General financial health of VSC: three months of significantly sub par dana intake; if this continues it will cut into our reserves.
- Fundraising committee: Heidi and MG met and agreed that a broad education effort is needed; Jason will assist; committee will return to Board with a proposal

SPACE PLANNING

- Standing agenda item for the discussion of our three-pronged approach to space:
 - Feasibility of staying at 1010 Fair (Mary Grace, Bill, Dan, Henry): discussed timing of lease renewal; point was made that we should not wait until the last minute; research needed on a reasonable lease rate; parking research needed (more and more taken up by exercise studio)
 - Fact-finding on church site (Martin, Bob, other rep from TC): Shooting for a firm decision my November 2010
 - Broad review of other possible space (G, Chris, Alice?): Board agreed that effort would be better expended on researching lease rates

Time for the Unheard Voice...

Brief check-out: what worked and didn't work at this meeting.