

**Vipassana Santa Cruz
Board Meeting
1/25/2010 @ 6:30PM at Val's House**

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE

Mary Grace O, G S, Martin C, Ann Z, Leslie T, Val N, Bob S. (Steffen and Heidi were guests)

MEDITATION

BRIEF CHECK-IN

APPROVAL/DISCUSSION OF THE MINUTES:

- December 2, 2009 Minutes approved without change
- December 16, 2009 Minutes approved without change

CONSENT CALENDAR (FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES):

- Val will be stepping off the Board in June (at the end of her three-year term).
- G talked to Geri about our volunteer position for a Library Curator. She is definitely interested, but cannot begin for about a month due to foot surgery.

FOR DISCUSSION:

- Update on Family Program – Plans and Program
 - Steffen reported low turnout for family program activities; also having problems filling leadership positions
 - Nigel and Steffen propose to do a few family days each year (rather than every month)
 - In general, the family program folks are feeling a little outside of the main Sangha; would like to see Board members and Teachers Council help with leadership
 - Board member suggested that someone with the Family Program visit the Board at least twice a year
 - More of the Sangha's regular events should be more family friendly. For example, Vesak could be held on a weekend, rather than a school night (i.e., Thursday night)
 - Could Ajahn Amaro spend an hour addressing kids/families?
 - Leslie volunteered to help
- Teachers Council
 - Teachers Council held a daylong today (January 25, 2010) and prepared a dana concept statement; MG presented a letter containing the dana concept

statement; the Board approved a statement concurring with the dana concept.

- Parsonage Allowance
 - Board approved a \$15,000 parsonage allowance for Mary Grace Orr, Bob Stahl, and Jason Murphy
- Fundraising
 - Heidi presented a draft fundraising letter
 - Board discussed next steps in fundraising and reviewed financial status
- Space Planning
 - 1010 Fair Avenue—a new lease is possible (rather than a renewal of old lease); some increase in rent is expected
 - California Street Church—nothing new; Bob said he would talk with Sylvie
 - G reported on some comparable he obtained for the leased space at 101 Fair Avenue
 - Martin said he would conduct a parking study to determine the approximate use of parking by the various tenants at 101 Fair Avenue
- Team Design
 - G found benches at Ikea; Martin and MG said they were available for email consult if necessary
- Community Meetings
 - G followed up on the discussion began at the last meeting.
- Board Membership
 - Discussion around filling the position of president (Ann is leaving at the end of her term in June

BRIEF CHECK-OUT: *what worked and didn't work at this meeting.*

TO DO LIST:

1. Leslie agreed to help with family program planning
2. G is going to Ikea to buy benches