

## **Minutes for Jikoji Board Meeting - January 24, 2021**

***NOTE: This meeting was scheduled for Sunday December 6, 2020, but was postponed to avoid conflict with the December 2020 Rohatsu sesshin.***

Minutes prepared by Nico Detourn, Secretary to the board.

Jim called meeting to order.

Who was present:

Hollis, Jim, Nico, Dan

Bryan, Doug,

Michael Schnee, Charles Bombelyn, Mark Adams.

Bryan facilitator, asked Nico to assist with agenda.

### **Approval of minutes for June 2020 meeting.**

Hollis moved approval

Jim seconded.

All 4 board members approved

### **Committee Reports**

Doug gave facilities report.

things in good operations

water systems and fire prevention are good.

lots of maintenance.

Upcoming in spring, fireproof skirt under buildings

Bryan spoke to the need for closing off the undersides of the buildings against fire. Hogan too.

Hogan spoke about the generator that was put in a couple of years ago which is working out well.

Internet is ongoing challenge because of our location. Will be looking into new options to improve internet. One of our two providers will no longer be viable in the future. New options being explored.

### **Finance Committee**

Applied for state grant.

Federal funding coming down the road

have qualified to apply to Chase for more federal funding

Staff are deferring their salaries.

Nico spoke about the state grant.

Applied to California Small Business Covid-19 Relief Grant Program for \$15,000.

The regular Treasurer's report from May 1 2019-2020. But because of the pandemic things are differ rent.

Asked bookkeeper for comparison of first two quarters of this year and last two quarters of last year. She sent wrong thing thing. Will send it out at later time and will review at a special meeting. Challenge to prepare a budget under the circumstances of our being closed and having not income. But will not see any financial change at Jikoji, other than potential grants, until September 2021 of next year, based on government projections on the pandemic. Will start with 3rd quarter of 2021 as when we will see a return to normalcy.

Hollis mentioned high tax bills.

### **Teacher's Report**

Doug gave teacher's report. Interesting year. Zoom presence has enlarged and enhanced our sangha. Multiple teachers over zoom.

Doug reported that only 20% of our speakers were women, 35 male speakers, 10 females speakers, and some of the men spoke multiple times. Sesshins were more gender balanced.

Held 5 sesshins, 8 zazenkais, 9 months of weekly book study led by Connie Ralls, Michael Schnee, and Taizan. 11 Science & Buddhism, all over zoom. Did memorial service for Rob Hoogner. Connie's and Taizan's Shuso ceremony. Thanked Hogan for setting up and maintaining telecom system.

Nico gave update on term practitioner applicants.

Dan spoke about how we should come up with reopening procedures.

Mike thanked Doug on behalf of everyone at Jikoji for being the engine of Jikoji in extending to the zoom sangha and being totally present. Doug said he couldn't have done it without Hogan, Jen, Nico, John Somers, Emmy, and Mike.

Michael Newhall asked Emmy to be the Dharma Arts Coordinator for Jikoji. Emmy has put together a workshop with Gerow and Carolyn -- going well thanks to Emmy. In considering a mandala workshop, a tenzo workshop, breadmaking workshop, and shakuhachi workshop, sewing, flower arranging, water color. In the future she has thoughts about retreats for individuals and

groups doing dharma arts. This is a new focus for Jikoji with expanded dharma arts. Thanks to Emmy for getting this going.

2022 will be 20 years since Kobun's death. Should there be a big event for it. Do this at Jikoji or elsewhere. Mike asked Emmy and John to both write reports on the program.

### **Publications Committee**

Gary and Hollis talking about coffee table version of Precious Mirror.

Nico mentioned Informal discussion about an updated edition of Embracing Mind which is popular. That is a Print on Demand item. Could possible have a new edition in connection with a reopening. There are other Kobun materials that Ann Marks have been involved with that are now being given some heightened attention.

Motions to adjourn by Jim.

Nico seconded.

Unanimous to adjourn meeting.