

MINUTES 2022 09:05 January MBZC Board Meeting Zoom  
**APPROVED for upload per Dina Stansbury jl**

Present: Clara, Susan N., Diane, Dina, Susan B.,  
Sara, Robert

I Call to order & bow in 9:05

II Communication Agreements and Appreciations

Board members, in turn read communications agreement aloud

III Consensus Items: Approval of Agenda, December 12, 2021 Minutes and  
Treasurer's Report

- Move, second, pass agenda
- Treasurer's report: 60-40 money distribution between teachers and MBZC, dana directly to teacher
- Discussion on which accounts to be used to pay speakers

Motion to accept Treasurer's report as amended and the Minutes from  
12/12/21 meeting

Moved, seconded, passed

IV Reports

- Teaching Council (TC)

Discussion:

1. TC devised a 3 month calendar, though incomplete. Robert will email complete calendar to the full Board later this week
2. Question: Will a full calendar be submitted by Jan. 22? Yes
3. Practice period starting in February focussing on Dogen fascicle on Birth and Death. Speakers during period will be asked to address birth and death.
4. Dogen Birthday celebration will be in January-Patricia speaking
5. Guy and Diane ordination in late April
6. Media Committee needs 6 week notice of events for efficient distribution of information to sangha and public, both on the

website and through Eblasts

7. Hybrid plans: TC planning as if we can meet, but feel it premature to announce opening up in a formal way, which would be reckless and irresponsible. Rector at St. James interested in hybrid
8. Good to review Santa Cruz Zen Center and Ben Connelly's Zen center in Minneapolis, Minnesota for a variety of covid protocols in use
9. TC has not yet come up with protocols for in person activity; would be good to maintain a current statement on our website

Robert bowed out at 10:00 a.m

- Update on insurance

Susan N. reports there is nothing new to report. Hard to get answers from Ben

- MBZC Chair position beyond January: Alternatives

Discussion:

1. Time to hand over the baton to the next twosome, per Board decision of 3 month term
2. Can we extend the term?
3. Idea of overlap, i.e 3 months with one existing co-president and one new person to continue together for three months
4. Role of president essentially setting the agenda and chairing Board meetings. Suggestion that research on topics be either a separate position or responsibility taken on by willing member as need arises
5. Reconsider frequency of meetings

Motion: Co-presidents will serve an overlapping term beginning with a three month extension for one of the existing co-presidents to be served with a new person, to be determined, for an 3 additional months. Each Board member who is willing will thus serve for a total of 6 months.

Discussion:

- Susan B willing to take on co-presidency after three months
- Overlap offers new person sense of security
- Current Co-president who steps down can serve an additional 3 months in the future

Moved, seconded and passed

Motion: Clara continue as co-president for 3 months and Dina serve for 6 months

Moved, Seconded, passed

For minute taking it is possible to record meeting to computer and transcribe for minutes. Clara and Dina will discuss procedure.

- Bylaws Committee Report  
Treasurer's report during 2013 shows the fiscal year changed to November 1-October 31. The decision was informally made

Motion: Make a formal decision to adopt Nov 1 thru October 31 as the fiscal year and amend the by-laws to effect that change.

Moved, seconded passed

Clara and Dina will take care of paperwork

V Fossil Fuels Treaty – Should MBZC endorse it as a sangha?

Discussion:

- Fine for individuals to sign
- Disagreement as to whether or not our by-laws and goals include issues such as the Fossil Fuels Treaty as an appropriate action for MBZC to take

Motion: MBZC support the Fossil Fuel Treaty by signing onto it

Moved , seconded

Discussion

- Historically MBZC has taken stands

- Many faith based organizations have signed on

Vote: Yea 3 abstentions 3 Not passed

11:03 Bow out with Three Refuges

Next meeting February 13, 9-11:00

Board meetings will be on second Sundays from 9-11.

Upcoming: March 13, April 10