

## MBZC Board Meeting at McGowan House in the Jung Room, October 9, 2022

Present: Diane, Clara, Susan B. and Susan N, Sara. Absent: Robert

Bowing in at 9:03 am

### Minutes Approved

Susan motioned to approve September 11, 2022 Minutes. Clara seconded. Minutes Approved.

### Treasurer's Report

Discussion on priest ordination \$475. Susan N. proposed to amend the budget and include the \$475 priest ordination expense. Diane explains it is a positive amount and not an expense. The priest ordination was not initially included in the 2022. There was a misunderstanding of the ordination line item. Change line item to "ordination" to "transmission" on the Treasurer's report. Sara motioned to approve Treasurer's Report as corrected. All approved.

### Proposed 2022-2023 Budget

Diane reads through each line item with brief explanation. Everyone received copies in advance. Question on the Online Bank Fees came up – why is it so high?

Proposed budget estimates a deficit between income and expenses of (\$7,702) for the 2023 fiscal year.

Sara proposes to change line item, "supporting teachers" to "*guiding teachers*".

Susan N. reiterates a budget could be amended during the fiscal year and is a working document.

Susan B. makes a motion to approve the 2022-2023 Budget as presented. Diane seconded.

Open for Discussion: Sara would like to increase the Books line item from \$100 to \$200. Also, asks if Zendo Expenses could be increased from \$100 to \$200. She would like to see if Branching Streams fee could be reduced. Remove Pride Event expense of \$100 since we do not need to pay a fee to march in it.

Susan N. concurs to double the Books expense and remove Pride Event expense. Asks Susan B. to amend her motion and include Sara's requests to: increase the Books line item from \$100 to \$200, Zendo expenses from \$100 to \$200 and removal of Pride Event expense of \$100. Susan B. amends motion to approve the 2022-2023 Budget as amended/corrected. Seconded. All approve.

### Secretary Position

Susan asks someone to step in as Secretary for the next meeting. Clara has completed her secretary role. Sara has volunteered to take notes for our next meeting, November 13, 2022.

### Social Sangha Event

Clara suggested a potluck and cannot organizer it at this time. Clara suggests we use an already scheduled activity, such as Tuesday evening or BBZ, once a month as a sangha building event. Susan B. echoes cookies and tea.

### Meeting with Sonja on Fundraising

Susan B. relays Sonja's suggestion to begin new fundraising in the new year 2023. Need more time to put together items and a clear plan. Some ideas – book swap, garden party. Open for discussion.

### Teaching Council Report

Sara reports the teachers intent to meet once a month. Shogen and Robert meeting twice a month, in addition to that. Planning on a Sesshin and Practice Period for February 2023.

### Membership Fundraising Options

John joins by phone at 10:15 am. Square Space will accommodate a membership program and we will be able to add up to 7 categories. John and Clara shared recommendations in advance via email. John has a short-term option for membership. Open for questions.

Susan N. asks if a legacy account could be implemented. John says we could start suggesting people donate to Katherine's endowment fund.

John will isolate Fundraising Card page, so those donations are separate from all other contributions. There will be 2 options: donate any amount (with a minimum amount).

Diane asks if it is necessary to have a separate portal for the donation card. John thinks is a better way to do the accounting.

Sara asks if a similar portal could be used for classes and workshops - John says YES.

John is suggesting we spend \$20 to test the portal/page for this month, October 2022, with the 3 options: any amount, \$35 recurring monthly or \$450 annual. Diane makes proposal to amend the 2022 budget to spend the \$20 for testing.

Board states we stick to donate any amount for Fundraising Card, so members are not limited to any amount.

Sara makes a motion we accept a separate Fundraising Card page but without the 3 options to donate – only with bulk amount option and we move forward with the concept of membership to be implemented in Spring 2023.

Susan B. seconds it, all approve.

Meeting adjourned at 11: 19 am

**Next Meeting, Sunday, November 13, 2022 Hybrid at McGowan/Jung Room 9 – 11 am.**