

## Milwaukee Zen Center Board Meeting, February 7, 2021

Meeting via Zoom called to order at 11:34am.

*Present:* Reirin Gumbel, Susan Winecki, Greg York, Todd Krohn, Bob Balderson, Isabel Kent.

**Minutes from December 6th, 2020 meeting approved, 5-0;** Bob moved, Greg seconded.

### Treasurer's Report

The following report was provided by the Treasurer:

#### Overview

- **Current (2/5/2021) available cash \$35,399** (\$21,695 main checking, \$5,487 Educators checking, \$5 Educators savings, \$5,501 PayPal, \$2,711 prison fund checking) (up \$2,095 from December report)
  - Facilities Fund: \$6,897 + \$500 (January & February) = \$7,397
  - Retired Teachers Fund: \$100 + \$200 (MZC Jan & Feb) + \$260 (Member contributions from Dec & Jan) = \$560
  - Scholarship Fund: \$360 (expense due to scholarship awarded to Matt Anderson)
- Available cash at the beginning of last fiscal year was \$26,530.
- Income for period: \$5,946. Largest income sources in December / January were Membership Dues \$3,130, Annual Fundraising \$2,191 and Online Sale \$199.
- Expense for period: \$3,682. Largest expense categories during the same period were Payroll \$1,400, Printing \$834 and Utilities \$370.

#### Membership

Monthly Contribution	Count
\$10	9
\$12	2 (1?)
\$20	0
\$25	3
\$30	13
\$35	1
\$40	2
\$50	8 (7?)
\$100	6
	44 (42?)

## Highlights

- \$75.19 paid in sales tax on January 31 for 2020.
- W3/W2 individual income tax reports filed with Federal on January 31 for 2020.
- 11-month budget review on following page.
- Will move majority of remaining funds from Associated Bank to Educators in February
- Issues:
  - Pax World requires phone call to update who has authority over account
  - Jan Karnegis set up PayPal as a personal account; should be changed to Business. Need to contact and coordinate adjustments to account including phone number and name in order to make these adjustments. Currently can only transfer PayPal funds to Associated Bank.

## FY 2021 Budget (Mar 2020-Feb 2021)

<b>Income Account</b>	<b>2020 Projected</b>	<b>11 Month (1/31)</b>	<b>Actual</b>
Membership Dues	18,468	16,929	18,934
Donations	5,500	5,042	3,465
Inventory Sales	1,000	917	1,535
Special Events	1,800	1,650	851
Annual Fundraising	2,000	1,833	3,281
<b>Total</b>	<b>28,768</b>	<b>27,471</b>	<b>28,066</b>
<b>Expense Account</b>	<b>2020 Projected</b>	<b>11 Month (1/31)</b>	<b>Actual</b>
Bank fees	350	321	545
Business expenses	1,100	1,008	152
Charitable contributions	1,876	1,720	3,070
Cost of Goods Sold			202
Insurance	4,000	3,667	3,992
Maintenance and repairs	2,100	1,925	305
Miscellaneous	950	871	300
Operations	2,100	1,925	1,397
Payroll	4,800	4,400	7,200
Postage	800	733	944
Printing	1,000	917	1,241
Utilities	3,800	3,483	3,360
<b>Total</b>	<b>22,876</b>	<b>20,970</b>	<b>22,708</b>

Additionally, Greg moved that MZC use the remaining \$360 in the scholarship account to begin paying toward Laura Gillis, an MZC scholarship recipient. Todd seconded and the motion passed, 5-0.

Bob moved to transfer \$1,500 to Pax World. There was no second. Greg moved that the board transfer signator authority for the Pax World account from the current signers to Reirin Gumbel, Isabel Kent, and Greg York. Todd seconded, and the motion passed, 5-0.

### **Priest's Report**

Reirin provided the following report:

#### **December/January**

##### *Social Action/Interfaith:*

Death Penalty Action  
Civic engagement with interfaith groups  
Prayer vigils  
Hungry Hearts Free Meals

##### *Dharma:*

Jay English Sunday Talk  
New Year's Sitting and Peace Gathering  
Lotus Sutra Class (8 weeks until end of February)  
Wednesday beginners' class  
Tonen's book: Dharma Gates Are Boundless  
Zoom meetings with individuals  
Reb's January Intensive

##### *Other:*

Branching Streams Celebration  
Presentation at Rockwell Automation  
Mountain Seat Ceremony at Berkeley Zen Center

#### **Coming Up**

Black History Celebration at MICAH: Thursday 2/11  
Parinirvana Ceremony: 2/15  
Tonen Sunday Talk: 2/21  
Jay English Workshop: 2/27  
Talk for Santa Cruz Zen Center  
Visit from interfaith group

##### *Other:*

Future uncertain because of COVID vaccination  
Buddha's Birthday?  
Zendo opening in summer?  
Outdoor activities?

### **Old Business**

Todd moved to accept the changes made to the Ethics & Grievances Committee Guidelines & Procedures document and Greg seconded. The motion passed, 5-0.

### **New Business**

Goal-setting for MZC in 2021:

- Guest speakers (ongoing goal)
- To open the center
- Identify the list of things needed to beautify the center and allocation of funds toward this in preparation for re-opening - including an enso by Kaz Tanahashi
- Identify a full-time librarian.

In addition, MZC members were proposed as possible candidates for board membership, as members at-large or board officers. These individuals include Jim Zimmerman, Frank Fischer, Nicholas Gehring, and Kim Hartman.

**Next Board Meeting:** Sunday, March 21st, 12:30pm - 1:00pm (Following the Annual Meeting at 11:30am - 12:30pm).

**Meeting Adjourned:** 1:06pm

Isabel Kent,  
Secretary