

Sunday, August 3, 2025

Cedar Rapids Zen Center - July Board Meeting

Called to Order at 1:04pm

- Meeting held a week late to accommodate schedules
- Quorum: Lauren Manninen, Eric Higgins-Freeze, Kelly Kruze, Ryan Wheeler
- Board Updates
 - All agreed that hosting the new Board & Sangha Handbook on CRZC's website is a good idea
 - Board members are struggling to think of who they'd recruit to serve as a Board member
 - Kelly suggests asking someone from Prairiewoods
- Building & Grounds
 - We received a bill from Willie, our State Farm agent, for about \$350. It's due 8/21. Does this mean we're insured again? Should we pay it?
 - Toward's Greg's experience (noted in the Agenda) of Zen Center's upper level remaining hot when the A/C is running, Ryan suggests we replace the large lower-level wall vents, none of which can be closed. This may force cool air to the 2nd floor during warm months. Lauren volunteered to check ReStore for similar vents, hoping we can make this a DIY project.
 - Water has been off at the house since Wednesday when water main work began. Plants are showing it, and the downstairs toilet had been used but couldn't be flushed. Thankfully the dehumidifier was full and had enough water for the plants and to back-flush the toilet!
 - Mouse infestation continues to worsen. Alan suspects we trapped them inside when PK Construction sealed outside access spots. There were easily over 100 droppings on the shelf where cat food had been and on the floor beneath. Alan

came equipped with surgical gloves and sanitizer that targets biological material. It was needed and used on a spot where a mouse had died and was decomposing. If mice are without food and trapped inside, it might have starved. Lauren will bring another live trap or two in addition to Alan's.

- Practice

- Suggestion to invite Suisan and Ken Goldberg when Koun visits. Perhaps a new, positive experience will start to erase some of the mistreatments that many experienced in the past.

- Engaged Practice

- Richard is working to have AA meetings at CRZC.
- The organization CRUSH is understaffed due to government funding cuts so efforts for Recovery Dharma have slowed.

- Treasurer's Report

- See separate July Treasurer's report.
- Ryan moved to cash-out the Mutual Fund, which is at an all time high, and move it into General Fund and Successor Fund CDs equal to the percentages shown in the Treasurer's Report. Second by Kelly. Discussion: Purpose is to make the funds more tangible, especially since the eco and socially-conscious fund they were invested in hasn't performed better than CDs over the same period. Unanimous vote in favor.
- Toward Ryan's question in the Treasurer's Report about Matt/PK work on over \$8500 expenses on "drywall, painting, windows", Richard called during the meeting to explain that this is the myriad of non-electrical repairs that were needed to secure building insurance. Greg has been provided paperwork for the bid and invoice itemizing the work done. Richard believes Matt is paid in full and the only work still to be paid is the water main's replacement.

- Inter-religious Council

- Picnic is noon on August 9th. Details on the website (though I can't find them there right now... Help Kelly!)d

Adjourned at 1:44pm