

October 17, 2021 Board Minutes

Board Members Attending In Person: Chair Randy Wedin, Katie Albright, Tanja Nelson, Jim Niland, Mark Turbak

Board Members Attending via Zoom: Deborah Mielke, Paul Gilsdorf

Staff Attending in Person: Administrative Director

Staff Attending Via Zoom: Guiding Teacher Ted O'Toole

Members Attending in Person: Jeromy Thotland

Members Attending via Zoom: Ann Bauleke, Patrick Stahl

Guest: Lee Lewis

Meeting called to order at 11:35 a.m.

1. Approval of September 19, 2021 board minutes: Motion to approve as amended: Randy W. 2nd Tanja N. Motion carried unanimously.
2. Conflicts of Interest: None noted
3. Estate Discussion (Randy Wedin and Lee Lewis): MZMC has been named as the beneficiary of an estate that includes a home, which needs to be sold. The estate suggested the option of selling the home to a land trust. Discussion about the option to sell the home to City of Lakes Community Land Trust (CLCLT) at less-than-market value with the intent of rehabbing it and preserving it as affordable housing-instead of selling it on the open market.

Motion to move the board into executive session: Jim N 2nd Katie A. Motion carried unanimously at 12:10 pm.

The board returned to open session at 1:05 pm after having decided not to support the option of selling the home to CLCLT. Randy W. communicated the decision to the executor of the estate who had been waiting while the board was in executive session.

4. Teacher Report (Ted O'Toole): Senior Teacher Tim Burkett is in better health. Hokyoji went well, and the fall practice period is going well. We have had good guest speakers like Norman Fischer and Jane Bleeg. We have had a half-day sesshin, Unpacking Whiteness, and the project to build the gate in the garden. We are making progress on technology but are short on volunteers. Masking continues to be required-about half of pre-pandemic attendees are attending the zendo again. We have a Nov. 6 initiation coming up. Rohatsu is likely to be all on Zoom because of Covid restrictions.

5. Committee Reports:

Membership Committee (Tanja Nelson) Blank Friday will be a hybrid of in-zendo and via Zoom but will have less elements this year because of Covid. Membership drive is coming up from Dec.-mid-Jan. We will have another social event on a Fri. in Nov. and Jan. We will be able to have the New Year's Eve bell-ringing ceremony because work on the zendo will be done by then.

Technology Committee (Paul Gilsdorf) We have received all the equipment after reaching a decision on the connectivity equipment. The AV computer is “kind of set up”.

Thanked Jeromy for being the “community interface” for technology.

Jeromy said we need to recruit Zoom hosts who are already on-line for whatever that Zoom is.

Deb said the children’s program likes just using the laptop,

Building Committee: Admin. noted the building committee technically still exists. She is working on the floor refinishing project and windows issues. She won’t pay the final installment to the builders till the issues on the punch list are satisfied. Our former on-call handyperson is no longer available. Suggestions for a new person requested.

50th Anniversary Celebration: Motion to have 50th Anniversary Celebration and establish committee chaired by Admin. for that purpose: Tanja N. 2nd Jim N. Motion carried unanimously. Ted said board members will have to play major roles in planning and carrying out the anniversary which he is thinking will occur in the Fall of 2022. Patrick volunteered to help.

6. Administrative Report

Admin. asked for feedback on a request from the DFL precinct chair (and former MZMC treasurer) to use MZMC as a precinct caucus location. The board declined to do so because of a scheduling conflict.

Financials presented at next meeting since we were running out of time at this meeting.

7. New annual and 4-year goals discussion: Again because we were running late due to the lengthy discussion of home sale, the board deferred this discussion.

8. New Business: None.

9. Adjourn: Motion to adjourn Paul G. 2nd Katie A. Motion carried unanimously and board adjourned at 1:35 pm.

Next meeting Sun., Nov. 21 11:30 am-1:30 pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by Jim Niland