

DHARMA COUNCIL MEETING

June 13, 2024

The Dharma Council provides oversight and stewardship of Dharma presentation and practice at DRZC to support its core mission and values.

In Attendance: Myo'i, Jyōshin, Ko'in, Gabe

Absent: Daikō, San'in, Christina, Jiko

Facilitator: Jyoshin

Location: Uji

Recorder: Gabe

Agenda

1. Tiny Meditation
2. 60-Second Check-in
3. Approved Minutes from prior meeting
4. Next Meeting Date: July 11, 2024
5. Updates on action Items from previous meeting(s):
 - a. Jiko will notify the Kanin of DC approval of a little library trial. The DC will plan to review how it's going with the Little Library 90 days after it is built. **Kanin approved the Little Library proposal. Daiko will notify Daoren**
 - b. Christina will talk with other stakeholders (Dharmagarden Council, the Tanto, the Abbot, Head of Sacristy) to develop a plan for next Wesak by the fall.
 - c. Ko'in will talk with Daiko about taking on the role of Affiliated Group Liaison.- **Deferred**
 - d. All council members will look at website and YouTube material posted by a former DRZC member and decide if it merits a response of some kind - **Complete. DC members agreed via email that no response is merited at this time.**
 - e. Jiko will look into whether Tshuo might take the lead on finding a candidate for the new member advisor position
 - f. Sanin will update Master Record Document with Genko's changes to the lineage class. - **Done**
6. Questions/Topics for Today's Meeting:
 - a. Debrief 50th Anniversary event.
 - i. *Background:*
 - ii. *Summary of main discussion points:* Thank you and congratulations to Ko'in and the many volunteers who made the event possible. The celebration seemed to go well. It was a joy to see many generations of DRZC members and temple friends.

b. Calendar question

- i. *Background:* Kakumyo is wondering about reserving the Sodo for Saturday the 21st of June, 2025 for a wedding rental. The DRZC calendar is not filled in that far in advance, but it seems workable.
- ii. *Summary of main discussion points:* Looking at this year's calendar, the Three Robes retreat is the only conflict, and it seems like the retreat could be moved to the week before or after next year.
- iii. **Action Item(s): Gabe will inform Kakumyo that the DC approves scheduling a wedding in June 2025 as long as the Three Robes retreat can still happen.**

c. Summer social planning (Christina)

- i. *Background:* DC usually hosts a summer social. I'm late in starting to plan it. A) wondering if we still want to have it given anniversary party filled similar function. B) if so, what day? Summer is filling up fast. Christina can send out a poll for dates if DC agrees to move forward.
- ii. *Summary of Main Discussion points:* There isn't much happening in over the summer at DRZC. We could consider extending a Sunday and having a special lunch, ice cream etc... to streamline the event and possibly have more attendees.
- iii. **Action Item(s): Gabe will ask Christina to go forward with a poll of Dharma Council members to identify potential dates for a summer social.**

d. Health of the Sangha - any observations? (standing agenda item)

- i. *Summary of main discussion points:*
 1. There is a different group attending Wednesdays, and no announcements circle. It seems like many Weds attendees don't participate in other DRZC programs. Wondering if there is a way to let people know about additional offerings at DRZC? Perhaps greeters can try and point people to the postings on the bulletin board.
 2. At the last Sangha Forum, a sangha member advocated for teaching on the topic of money from a dharmic perspective. Money is an emotionally loaded, impactful topic for many people that is not often addressed directly. It can seem like a taboo topic.
- ii. **Action Item(s): Myo'i will reach out to one or more DRZC teachers to explore further the idea of a workshop or dharma talk on the topic of**

money. Done. Myo'i talked with Flying Fish who will discuss with transmitted teachers.

7. Recurring Monitoring Reports and Announcements

- a. Temple Officers: **6 more assisted listening devices will be ordered. Working on problem solving the long lines for the women's bathroom**
- b. Dharma Rain Active Transmitted Teachers: **No report.**
- c. Open Gate: Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion: considering moving forward with hosting some open forums for Sangha to come ask questions/share about equity and inclusion in a safe space.
- d. Affiliated Groups: **Daiko contacted Kakumyo and Genko about scheduling Dharma Cloud day 2025, and about whether or not DRZC wanted to host it. Historically this event has occurred in April. Kakumyo said he needed a little more time to figure out his April 2025 calendar. Daiko will follow up with him.**
- e. Other Reports/Announcements:

8. Action Item Assignments