

DHARMA RAIN ZEN CENTER BOARD MINUTES 11/21/2024

Present: Kakumyo, Zonnyo, Lindsay, Choten, Renso

Absent: Carrie, Sam, Alice

Open Gate committee - updating participation requirements for committee members.

Financials - Alice sent an email detailing current financials. Budget will be reviewed in January.

Health and Safety - first aid kits assembled and placed in main areas along with portable kits to come.

Buildings and Grounds - Geomat is complete and has been inspected by Geotech.

- Classroom Building permitting delayed / in progress.
- Conditional use permit to be submitted next

Grants

- Applied for large grant with Bird Alliance and Portland Parks and Rec - Dharma Rain would receive \$5 M. Low likelihood to receive but a useful process.
- Metro invited DRZC to submit a full application for orchard-related improvements partnering with PPS, but PPS may back out in which case we would walk away.
- \$10,000 grant from BESS Foundation to do outreach for PCEF Grant. Submitting for energy efficiency and renewable energy funding and reaching out to culturally-specific temples.

Money Market funds - need to get funds moved into a higher yield account. Renso to follow up with Jyoshin.

Insurance / liability coverage change successfully navigated

Policy review schedule in progress.

End of year appeal in progress.

Strategic Planning process: start in January working with Dharma Council, Dharma Garden Council.

Board will determine Board appointments in January.