

DHARMA COUNCIL MEETING

January 9, 2025

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, Jiko, Daikō, Jyōshin, Ko'in, Brian, Sarah

Absent:

Facilitator: Daiko

Location: Uji

Recorder: Sarah

Agenda

Happy New Year and welcome Brian and Sarah!

1. Tiny Meditation
2. 60-Second Check-in
3. [Approved Minutes](#) from prior meeting
4. Next Meeting Date: February 13, 2025
5. Member Concerns, if any:
6. Updates on action Items from previous meeting(s):
 - a. Daiko will invite the third member interested in joining the DC to join when they are available in Spring 2025 -
 - b. Daiko will invite one of the incoming DC members to fill the secretary role so they can be oriented to the role by Gabe prior to the January meeting - DONE - Sarah is our new secretary
 - c. Koin will work on updating the *Steps to Conduct Class Evaluations* process document. NOT COMPLETED YET. KO'IN & SAN'IN HAVE NOT MET YET.
 - d. Daiko will add review of DC meeting day/time to the agenda for January.
 - e. Daiko will add the topic of integrating children and families with the larger sangha to a future DC meeting agenda-DONE
7. Questions/Topics for Today's Meeting:
 - a. Proposed Dharma Garden *Yoga Playgrounds* Teacher Training
 - i. *Background:* Proposal [description](#) (per 11/21/2024 email from Jen Bass)-
 - ii. *Summary of main discussion points:*
 - iii. *Decided: **Approved via email*** (review [Equity Lens](#) for significant decisions)
 - iv. ***Action Item(s):***

- b. Question/Topic: Potential new Dharma Council member will be present at this meeting to discuss her availability to attend DC meetings in 2025.

Background:

- i. *Summary of main discussion points:* Dharma Council to decide if that schedule is acceptable to us.
- ii. *Decided:* (review [Equity Lens](#) for significant decisions)
- iii. **Action Item(s):**

- c. Question/Topic: Distribution of Work Roles

- i. *Background:* Please review Dharma Council Composition and Work Roles. The link is listed below
- ii. *Summary of main discussion points:*
- iii. *Decided:* (review [Equity Lens](#) for significant decisions)
- iv. **Action Item(s):**

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

- i. *Summary of main discussion points:*
- ii. *Decided:* (review [Equity Lens](#) for significant decisions)
- iii. **Action Item(s):**

- e. Question/Topic - Planning for Dharma Cloud Day

i. *Background:* The Affiliated Groups meet every other year to foster connection and share resources. The next Dharma Cloud Day has been scheduled for Saturday April 26 at Dharma Rain. We need a point person to recruit a couple of people from the affiliated groups to plan the event.

li. *Summary of main discussion point:*

lii. *Decided:*

liii. **Action Items**

- f. Question/Topic - Brainstorming about ways to integrate children and families with the larger sangha.

8. Recurring Monitoring Reports and Announcements

- a. Temple Officers:
- b. Dharma Rain Active Transmitted Teachers:
- c. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion:
- d. Affiliated Groups:
- e. Other Reports/Announcements

9. Action Item Assignments

- a.
- b.
- c.
- d.