

DHARMA COUNCIL MEETING

2/13/25 7-8:45 PM

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, Reiju, Sarah, Brian

Absent:

Facilitator: Daiko

Location: Uji

Recorder: Sarah

Agenda

1. Tiny meditation
2. Brief check in
3. Discussion with Dharma Garden Council members about further integration of programming.
4. Next meeting: March 13th. Daikō will be out of town. We need a volunteer to facilitate the meeting.
5. Member concern: Member expressed concern about the scheduling of half day Zazenkai during winter months when it gets dark early
6. Update on action items
 - a. Updates on action Items from previous meeting(s):
 - i. Ko'in will work on updating the *Steps to Conduct Class Evaluations* process document.
 - ii. Daikō to orient Brian to the Affiliated Groups Liaison position. Daikō to check with sarah to see if she is still on the DEI committee - Done. Sarah is not on the DEI committee. We need a DEI liaison from the Dharma Council
 - iii. Temple officers to discuss late arrivals and coordinate with the Guest Master team about asking late arrivals to wait to enter the zendo. - Done. Plan to ask people arriving after the presenter completes the ring down.
 - iv. Daikō and Brian will coordinate on communication to the Affiliated Groups about Dharma Cloud Day. Jiko will see if there is a Dharma Rain teacher who would be involved in the planning. Done - working on coming up with a new date
 - v. Daikō to invite members of the Dharma Garden Council to our next meeting. Done -
 - vi. Jiko to work on a quiz. Daikō to talk to Daigai about the Sangha Forum presentation. Daikō to coordinate with the Board about their presentation.

7. Questions/Topics for Today's Meeting:

- a. Question/Topic: Plans for Sangha Forum
 - i. *Background:*
 - ii. *Summary of main discussion points:*
 - iii. *Decided:* (review [Equity Lens](#) for significant decisions)
 - iv. **Action Item(s):**

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

- c. Question/Topic: fill in prior to the meeting
 - i. *Background:*
 - 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):**

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.