

DHARMA COUNCIL MEETING Minutes

May 8th 7-8:30 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, Jyōshin, Ko'in, Brian, Konen, Jen Bass, Shin'yu, Sokuchu, Sosetsu, Thomas

Absent: Reiju

Facilitator: Jiko

Location: Uji

Recorder: Konen

Agenda

1. Tiny Meditation
2. 60-Second Check-in
3. Next Meeting Date: 6/12/25
4. Member Concerns, if any:
5. Action items from this meeting:
 - a. **Per Dharma Cloud Day: Brian will need to try again. Tentative April date will not fly.**
 - i. **Narrowing it down to two days. Firm up a date.**
 - b. **Konen and Ko'in to start subcommittee with Dharma Garden. Konen to initiate finding a date to meet.**
6. Questions/Topics for Today's Meeting:
 - a. Meet with Dharma Garden
 - i. Three Goals
 1. Clarify our role in terms of events and presentation between the council
 - a. Reviewed mandate of Dharma Council:
 - i. We are hands off for any decisions that happen within Dharma Garden and Frog Song; only concerned with events that pull from the whole sangha or that are public events—then it becomes a Dharma Council mandate.
 - ii. Main concern: how is dharma being presented.

- iii. Think of ways to integrate parents/families and children into adult sangha more frequently. Ideas for how this can work:
 - 2. Next steps: have people from both councils look at and refine the list. Looking at what's first.
 - 3. Impact, vision, goals
 - 4. Dharma Council will take the lead to set a date to contact Dharma Garden to get that subcommittee going. Bring other ideas to Dharma Council.
 - 5. Debrief around Wesak
 - 6. Next ceremony is Sejiki.
 - 7. High school matriculations
 - 8. Dharma Council: who will be on this subcommittee
- b. Question/Topic: Strategic Planning
 - i. *Background:*
 - ii. *Summary of main discussion points:*
 - 1. Be prepared for a survey. Every member will get a survey. Events starting pretty soon for strategic planning.
 - 2. New chant books are almost done. There will be some stumbling as we get used to it.
 - 3. Space in the boxes? See what we've got when we get them and go from there.
 - iii. *Decided:* (review [Equity Lens](#) for significant decisions)
 - iv. *Action Item(s):*
- c. Question/Topic: Seminary
 - i. *Background:*
 - ii. *Summary of main discussion points:*
 - iii. *Decided:* (review [Equity Lens](#) for significant decisions)
 - iv. *Action Item(s):* Update on Sutra Studies Series evaluation - did it happen, if so how and results
- 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):*

7. 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

8. Action Item Assignments

- a. Any items from the Sangha Forum?
- b.
- c.
- d.