

# Dharma Rain Zen Center

## Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

### June 9, 2022

**Present:** All present

**Absent:** None

**Quorum:** Met

May minutes have been approved. The next Board meeting is our annual Board retreat on July 9 at 9 am.

#### **Committee Reports**

**Financial:** Month end financials for May not available yet.

**DEI:** Zonyo is back as the Board liaison. Gabe and Tsuho are planning debrief meetings for everyone who attended the DEI trainings. The plan is for 2-3 meetings held in a council format and the expectation is that these will occur in the next 2-3 months.

**Health and Safety:** Most of this month's H&S committee's time was focused on setting up policies and collecting supplies around COVID for dharma camp this summer. No other changes to Covid policies currently.

**Building and Grounds:** Wednesdays are focused on the gardens. DRZC has contracted with Northwest Youth Corps for volunteer work on the grounds. Their work will probably be focused on invasives removal and trail building. The grounds and gardens are in pretty good shape, but there is always lots more to be done.

Two groups have expressed an interest in buying the vacant land which abuts Dharma Rain to the west. Kakumyo has met with both. There have been several attempts in the past to purchase the property, but none have gone through due to challenges of the site

#### **Old Business**

The spring **Fundraiser** is on track for June 5-12. No update as of this meeting. The goal is to raise \$14,000.

Work around DRZC hosting a **housing village** continues but is still in the early stages. Kakumyo met with the pastor of Bridgeport UCC (which has hosted a village for a year) to get some first-hand pros and cons. He has also set up a meeting and a tour at Parkrose Church, which is in the process of constructing a village. Thus far, Sangha members are in support as is the Frog Song preschool. Tsuho encouraged Board members to have conversations with Sangha members to introduce the idea.

The **Board retreat** will be held July 9 9-4 at Dharma Rain. Tsuho shared a copy of the strategic plan with Board members to read in preparation.

#### **New Business**

A Sangha member requested that DRZC endorse the current campaign to put an anti-gun violence measure on the ballot. Although all the Board (and probably all the Sangha) support this measure, the board recognized that we do not have a consistent process by which DRZC decides to lend its endorsement. We will work on this at the Board retreat.

**Next Meetings**

July 9 at DRZC at 9 am

August 18 Zoom or live at 7 pm

September 15 Zoom or live at 7 pm

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Sam Murphy, Secretary.