

Lotus Heart Zen

Meeting Minutes

January 8, 2017

Present: Tanya Stringer (Ansok), Ven. Do'an, MaryAnn Marston (Anwol), Chris Guarneiri

Next meeting: February 19th, 2017

I. Announcements

- National Five Mountain Zen Retreat to be hosted by Lotus Heart Zen.
- Membership Director position is open. Volunteers welcome.
- Focus of the Sangha in 2017 is the growth of the Sangha.
- Ansok is Communications Director, and will continue duties of Membership Director until a replacement is found.
- Anwol is Financial Director.

II. Schedule Changes, and upcoming dates for practice and events.

We have several changes in the regular schedule, all of this will be found on the Calendar on the website, and the FB website.

- Starting Jan 31st, at 181 Kenwood St. Oneida, NY @ 7 am – 7:45 am there will be a morning meditation practice.
- Starting Jan 25th the 1st, 2nd, and 4th Wednesday of each month, at 6 pm the Unitarian Church in Utica a meditation practice will be held by Ven. Do'an
- 3rd Wednesday at 6:30pm of each month, Ven. Do'an will hold a teaching and meditation practice at the Yoga Studio in Oneida.
- Jan 21st is Yoga Studio Maintenance day. We can all help Beth with some of the jobs that need to be done around the studio, like repairs, cleaning, etc.
- Jan 28th/29th Help Beth with Retreat weekend at the Yoga Studio
- Ideas and Suggestions for Earth Day activities—perhaps involve Beth's group in this.
- Precept Ceremony will be held in July with the Retreat, instead of Buddha's Birthday.

III. Roundtable

- Chris suggests that the chant books could be even more user-friendly
- Sasha suggestion was brought by Tanya, to make the kid-friendly environment more visual for the public in the brochures and website.
 - More photos
 - Possible for Sasha to provide care with prior notice.
- The suggestion put forward by Ven. Do'an that Anwol think about taking on more of a role, and a possible Abbot position.
- Suggestion, and agreement that Anwol, take over Wednesday evening meditation at the Yoga Studio. Date to be determined—start Feb 1st.
- Mansion House needs to be contacted for the vacancy. This will help us determine the best dates for the National Retreat.