

Meeting of the Sangha  
Blue Heron Zen Community  
Date: 12-04-22

## **Opening**

## **Minutes from Previous Meeting**

## **Invitation for Discussion Items**

## **Report of the Guiding Teacher**

## **Review of Board Activity / Reports / Project Updates**

### **• Abbot's Summary**

- A few highlights from 2022:
  - January: Pods became the model for in-person practice;
  - March: Pods were "opened" for walk-ins. Highest-ever participation in Kyol Che. Blue Heron held its first-ever Arts Show;
  - April: Eric PSN stepped down as Head Dharma Teacher after 20 dedicated years; Chris Chapman approved as Eric Poep sa Nim's successor;
  - July: Formation of the Building and Grounds Committee;
  - August: Greg Eisen acknowledged with Inca on the Precepts Path, in recognition of his embodiment of the teachings of Zen. Two members took 5 precepts, and four members took 10 precepts;
  - September: Removal of dead trees on the South slope of the property completed;
  - November: Work party planted 7 new trees on the south slope of the property;
  - Now: We're all still here, treading the Zen path together;
  - Future: Remodel of the main floor bathroom is on track for completion in January or February; the contractor has us on his schedule. Kyol Che 2023 begins on January 22, 2023.

### **• Treasurer's Report**

### **• Committee Reports**

- **Building and Grounds Committee**
- **Re-Opening Committee**
- **Justice Exploration Committee - Inactive**
- **Community Engagement Group - Inactive**

## **Board Nominations / Re-Nominations / Elections**

- The Blue Heron Board of Trustees is the administrative body of the Sangha, complementing and supporting Blue Heron's teaching mission;

- Both the Board *and* Sangha members in good standing may nominate candidates for at-large board positions;
- Sangha members in good standing vote on whether to elect nominees to the Board. Candidates are elected to the Board by a majority vote;
- Bob Werner is stepping down from the Board after more than four years of outstanding Board service. He will continue to administer the Blue Heron website and our Google Workspace;
- On November 27 the Board engaged in a methodical and well-considered discussion regarding open board positions, and now recommends the following:
  - Renew Board membership for John Craycraft and Joanne Ho;
  - Elect Deborah Poe and Jim Peacey to the Board;
  - Leave one Board position (out of 10 possible positions) vacant at this time.

## **Unfinished and New Business**

## **Adjournment**