

Meeting of the Sangha  
Blue Heron Zen Community  
Date: 04-12-2026

## Opening

## Minutes from Previous Meeting on 12-07-2025

## Invitation for Discussion Items

## Report of the Guiding Teacher

## Review of Board Activity / Reports / Project Updates

- **Abbot's Summary**
  - It's good to have Soen Sa Nim here in person again, after a pause;
  - Kyol Che will conclude near the end of this month; our next retreat begins later this month on April 24. Zen Master Jeong Bong will be leading that retreat, and Roger from Golden Wind will be giving a talk;
  - A Sangha member is moving into the house in May, and another will likely move in in June. This means we'll soon have a full house again;
  - The catered lunch service during retreats seems to be going very well. Debbie Simpson and Bob Kutter have taken the lead on providing these meals;
- **Head Dharma Teacher's Report**
- **Treasurer's Report**
- **Committee Reports**
  - **Building and Grounds Committee**
    - Paul - No current activity.
  - **Finance Committee**

## Unfinished and New Business

- The Golden Wind Zen Order - Paul: The GWZO was conceived by Zen Master Ji Bong. At Blue Heron, anyone with teaching precepts, including Dharma Teachers, are a part of this Order. Earlier this year Zen Master Jeong Ji convened a group of teachers - including herself, Zen Master Jeong Bong, Chris Chapman PSN, Paul PSN, and Ann PSN - to define the order more clearly and identify its purpose. So far it's been decided that: the GWZO is envisioned as an affiliation of not only teachers and but also Zen communities; will be defined by consensus of the members; will have in common the practice of Zen and a collection of kong-ans; and that affiliation with the order does not confer any authority to the Order to make decisions for affiliate centers. Currently the Blue Heron website mentions the Golden Wind order in the About Us section, suggesting that we are an affiliate center of the Order. The Order is not, however, noted in our bylaws. The Teachers' Circle and the Board have had preliminary discussions about Blue Heron's connection to the Order, and I have proposed that in future the Board should address this matter, including whether Blue Heron should

formally identify as an affiliate center of the Order. I bring this up now simply to inform the Sangha that these discussions are taking place.