

RCS 2014 Members Meeting Results

1. Financial Statements reviewed and budget approved.
2. Sally Landrum and Gareth Young were voted to fill vacant positions on the board left by Drew Newman and Wade Jones. **In a follow-up vote via email, officers were elected. Beth Lilly will be serving as President, Cherry Zimmer will remain as Treasurer and Ken Tapscott will serve as Secretary.
3. Open Discussion Topics:

Dharma Talks – Dharma Talks will resume on the Sundays when we do not have Precepts Renewal (Full Moon Sundays) and Time Keeper Training (last Sunday of the month)

- Talks will be less formal and shorted to 5 – 10 minutes followed by discussion
- All members are urged to participate
- These presentations can include the readings of passages from books, sutras, koans, etc and can cover a broad scope of topics
- Everyone agreed the Sangha needs to be respectful of speakers and let them finish their presentation before offering commentary. The Sangha also agreed to refrain from interrupting any speaker.
- It was also unanimous to have extended chanting service instead of a talk periodically.
- A committee will be formed to figure out the logistics.

Chanting – Some modifications and clarifications were made to the current chanting service.

- Both the Tissaranna and the Refuges will continue to be sung.
- The chanting practice will be added to Time Keeper Training.
- The Time Keeper will be responsible for leading the chants (that includes setting the correct pitch and key)
- Immediately effective, the recitation of The Heart Sutra will now repeat the mantra “Gate Gate Paragate Parsamgate Bodhi Svaha” three times
- Starting April 2nd, the Wednesday Night Book Group will recite the Evening Service chants instead of the Tissaranna.

Volunteer Scheduling – members are urged to practice generosity by signing up to open the studio at Pierce Yoga on Sundays and Wednesdays. We also urge members to train to be Time Keeper.

Outreach – The Membership agreed community service is important to the Sangha's Mission.

- A committee will be formed to seek appropriate opportunities.
- The Sangha wants to settle on a date to visit the Insight Meditation Group very quickly
- The group unanimously agreed to review and evaluate the website, evaluating the need to re-design but absolutely addressing SEO issues.