

## **BRIGHT WAY ZEN SPECIAL BOARD MEETING – Meeting Minutes, September 9, 2020**

The meeting was called to order via zoom at 6:30 pm

**PRESENT AT MEETING:** Domyo Burk, Executive Director; Janna Jinryu Allgood, Vice Chair; Jim Lewinson; Zack Bartel, Treasurer; Joan Maurer, Secretary and Bob Kempster. Not present, Jeff Young, Chair of the Board.

**ZAZEN AND COUNCIL PROCESS:** Members observed five minutes of zazen and a held a brief council process.

### **TOPICS:**

#### **Building Lease**

In light of the affects of Covid and the fact we have not been able to meet in person since March, 2020, the question has arisen about ending our lease and saving that money for a future sight.

Our lease goes through June 2020. The landlords have received offers to sell and the sense is that they will sell and also that they will not mind breaking our lease.

There was discussion about the details of purchasing a property for our use as a Zendo, the different financing requirements for a “house of worship” and acknowledgement that undertaking this would take a fair amount of work. It was also noted that other Sanghas have made the decision to close their Zendos at this time.

The Board moved to proceed with ending the lease. Domyo will contact the landlords about this issue and see what the repercussions would be.

#### **All-Member Meeting**

The Board decided to make plans to schedule an all-member meeting to share this information with the Sangha and ask for direction and input. Joan will begin drafting the wording of this messaging which will include the following: the Sangha is in a good place financially, this decision is a choice, it is the right thing to do and we knew moving out of our current space was coming eventually. Also, the intention of the Board is to meet again in person when that is possible while at the same time continuing to include members via zoom. This draft statement will be reviewed and amended by Domyo and the Board.

#### **Fundraising**

Board members recently attended a training with Thomas Brunner regarding fundraising. The intention was that a fundraising campaign would be happening soon. In light of the above decision, the Board agreed that the fundraising will still happen but it will be moved out to early next year when direction is more clear.

#### **Minutes Approved**

The minutes were approved for the Board meeting that was held on 7/15/2020.

The meeting adjourned at 8:16

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Joan Maurer, Secretary to the Board of Directors, Bright Way Zen**