

Our mission is to raise awareness of interconnectedness and how our choices as humans affect all forms of life. In our meditation, study, and discussion we explore how Buddhist and ecological principles inform one another. We share our practice with the Sangha through compassionate action.

Brown Green Group Meeting Notes: February 22, 2009

Present: Faith-Spring (Facilitator), Nely, Mukei, True-Joy, Lynda Golan, Dokai

Outdoor kinhin

Check-in

Reading: "Reverence For Life" from the book *Dharma Rain*

ACTION ITEMS:

MUKEI

Talk to Gemmon re: reading of Buddha's childhood story from Jataka Tales for Buddha's Birthday / Earth Day (Look in Children's Library for children's version)

Give Dokai info re: Buddha's Birthday / Earth Day activities

Talk to Dharma-Lotus re: lunch (Brown Green Group will be making a salad from greens grown at the Center)

Make a sign to describe "the origin" of the salad

TRUE-JOY

Email Jusen and Carla re: the canvas bags available to weekend tenzos (3 of them are folded and on the spice shelf in the kitchen)

Email Jusen and Carla re: the option for weekend tenzos to purchase produce at Farmer's Markets - how the receipts work

Contact Pasadena house, Pathways to Freedom, and request an invitation to tour

DWP Online Energy Audit (Check with Larry - he may have used this when he came up with the Center's carbon footprint).

Mindfulness Task? (I don't remember what this refers to).

LYNDA

Check with Mary on Monastery Housing status - can residents apply for Energy Star refrigerators?

Plan Buddha's Bday /Earth Day activities? Sculpture of recyclable items, handouts on recycling, coloring book pages for kids of Jataka tale(s)?

Coordinate visits to Natural History Museum Sustainable Sundays?

NELY

Organize an activity (just for Brown Green Group members) for the actual Earth Day on Sunday, April 19th - to join another group in beach cleanup, etc.

Write summary report on non-toxic incense and email to BG Group. Include links to sites with various options for purchasing. Discuss with Roshi / Teacher's Circle issues re: altering zendo / service protocol.

FAITH-SPRING

Research metro lines and surrounding restaurants / activities for future "Mass Transit Field Trips"

Email reminder to Stewards of the box for recycling cell phones that is in the Sangha House

Find out why we have gone back to plastic disposable creamers in Sangha House

LARRY

PENDING Awaiting quotes for bike racks

PENDING Group to discuss ordering BeGreen Post-Its

PENDING Head Sister at St. Mary's Church to call re: compost for their community garden

PENDING: Waiting to hear from leasing co. re: front-loading washers/dryers

UPCOMING MEETINGS / EVENTS

Sunday, March 8th 1 - 1:30

Action List Check-In

Sunday, March 22nd @ 1:30 - 3:30

NOTE NEW START TIME DUE TO ZCLA REQUIREMENTS!

Facilitator: Larry

Reading: Karmapa's Environmental Guidelines (see attached file)

Sunday, April 5th 1 - 1:30

Action List Check-In

Sunday, April 19th 1:30 - 3:30

Sunday, May 10th 1 - 1:30

Sunday, May 31st 1:30 - 3:30