

## **Feng Shui Working Group, Sunday November 1, 2009**

### **Attending:**

Roshi, Dokai, Enju, Ensho, Faith Mind, Gemmon, Jotai, Lynda, Myoho, True Joy, Yudo

### **Check-in round**

#### **General Notes:**

Roshi keeping a status spreadsheet of projects.

Group members encouraged to reread report and bring to future meetings (available on members section of website).

Plum Hermit working with Roshi on overall plan.

Nilotpala, Courtyards are major projects that need funding and lots of thought. Cleaning and clearing can happen now.

Reminder to include appreciations in Water Wheel.

### **Buddha Hall Prep Room**

Presentation from Faith Mind and Gemmon of design concept for the Buddha Hall prep area and bids for volunteer labor and Home Depot labor (not installation).

Discussion of aspects of design and visit to Buddha Hall:

- More countertop working space.

- Space under stairs seems workable as storage for cleaning supplies. May be tricky to design/plan. More will be understood as space is opened.

- Move cleaning to space under stairs-better feng shui to separate from ritual items.

- There are additional ritual items at different locations around center that could be stored in this new area.

- Try to keep window open.

- Long outside wall cabinet can go floor to ceiling the entire length of the wall.

- Contractor would use better wood on surfaces that show. Way to stretch resources.

- Less accessible corners can be used for plaques.

- Fan may be moved or removed.

- 5,000. is realistic cost for this project.

### **Action Items for this project**

Re layout cabinets as phased project with agreement that long cabinet on outer wall and opening the space under the stairs constitute the first phase.

Gather bids. Volunteer labor and contracted labor (possible that Yoshin's 2010 availability could work out well)

Consider other items that potentially could be stored here.

Lots of work for Gemmon and Faith Mind. Help is appreciated.

### **Other project check in**

- Rocks being used on grounds with eventual goal to clear current area for other uses-more elaborate composting, part of courtyard, repair fence at brick building, etc.

- Nilotpala project is moving along as possible: clearing, pool planter. Intention to create place of practice.

- Discussed bamboo along walk-now used as safety fence. Desire to have trailing plants to soften garage wall.

Pundarika courtyard has small working group of residents working on design, clearing etc.  
Discussion of clothesline removal.

Pundarika gas meters. Access to meters is necessary. Believed that by moving 2 ficus pots, access can be restored.

Potted plants-Faith Mind as Grounds Steward is not looking after potted plants. Offered to make announcement at residents meeting that pots on grounds may be removed and regifted.

Dharma Hall-eventual project to move stairs to create a large single open space.

**Next Meeting-date to be determined-early 2010**

Review Buddha Hall status

Discuss Sangha House

**Check-out round**