

Community Meeting July 5, 2015

Board/Treasurer's Report

- Lease Update
 - Pat C. reported that we are close to an agreement on terms of the lease with Calvary Methodist Church.
 - The lease is scheduled to begin Aug 15 and Terry G. is expecting to have his work completed by then.
 - The church will have the right to cancel the lease after one year if they determine it is not working out. If they do cancel, they will reimburse \$1,200 for some of the cost of renovation materials.
 - If the lease is not cancelled, we have the option to renew for 2 additional years at the same rent (\$500 per month).
 - Phil K. was able to get the bike rack from his former employer donated for our use at the church and we have permission to install it at the back of the parking lot.
- The current bank balance is approximately \$10,000.00

Teacher Report

- Susan's Teacher, Loren Cruden, is planning a workshop on Sat., Sep. 19. Although she is not strictly in the Vipassana tradition, she understands and is in harmony with it, and is highly regarded by Susan and Ann. Susan has requested permission for any or all of the following:
 - Send an email to our community list announcing the workshop and announcing it on Sunday
 - If we are renting church space by then, rent our room on that day for the workshop
 - Post the workshop on our website

The community agreed to all three.

Retreats

- Tom S. will continue retreat organization work, including room assignments
- We also need a site manager for the Oct retreat, and a volunteer to assist with pre-retreat tasks of contacting attendees by email, phone, and regular mail with retreat details. Karen is interested in being site manager and will contact Tom to get more details.
- It was suggested and agreed that an email should be sent to the community asking for volunteers and, at Phil's suggestion, the email should stress that if we are to continue offering retreats, people need to be willing to step up and give of their time and well as receive.
- Mary and Terry G. reported that the Weber Center in Adrian has been reserved for a retreat in Sep 2017.

Checklists:

- There should be a volunteer to open and set-up for the Sunday sittings and a checklist of tasks.
- There should also be a checklist for the teacher who is leading the Sunday sitting regarding announcements.
The following should be included:
 - Mentioning the donation basket
 - The value and importance of volunteering to support community activities such as retreats, and other special activities as needed
 - Announcements of upcoming classes and events