

Insight Meditation Ann Arbor

Annual Meeting Community Meeting

October 4, 2015

Board Business: Meeting convened by Phil K. with a summary of the organization's mission statement.

The community members present were asked to approve the election of new Board Members Joy N. and Andy E. Emily M. made a motion to approve the elections and Lynne T. seconded the motion.

The community members welcomed the new board members. Phil K. identified the other current board members: Richard K., Dawn L. and Bryan W. Diane M. is the new meeting coordinator. Susan W. thanked Phil K. for his service as a retiring board member and also thanked current board members for their ongoing efforts.

Treasurer's Report: In the absence of Treasurer Pat C., Phil K. provided an approximation of the organization's current financial status. It was reported there is approximately \$4,500 – 5,500 in funds available after retreat expenses. Approximately \$7,000 was spent on the renovation of the new space. Current projected liability for the next year includes \$6,000 for rent of space and \$30 quarterly for website maintenance. The financial status is considered reasonably comfortable for the next year.

Teacher's Report: Susan W. reviewed the current class offerings, encouraging the community's contribution of ideas for new class offerings.

New Space: Community discussion as to whether the community felt comfortable making a decision at this time to move all sangha activities to the new space. At the September meeting it was planned that Sunday sittings would be held in the new space through the month of October and then a decision would be made about whether to permanently move the Sunday sittings to the new space. At today's meeting it was brought up that many members had already been sitting in the new space for several weeks while the sangha continues to pay rent to Harmony Yoga in addition to rent for the new space. After extensive discussion, and with an understanding that there are issues remaining to be worked out, the community voted to officially move all sangha activities to the new space and give notice to Harmony Yoga to terminate the sangha's rental agreement.

Several ideas were discussed relating to potential sound issues in the new space, including use of the sound machine versus not using it, or moving the sound machine outside the room. At this time the community agreed to not use the sound machine during meditation for the next few weeks and see how it goes, with the suggestion that perhaps individuals particularly sensitive to sound can sit on the far side of the room.

The community agreed to create a room committee to deal with issues such as room cleaning and decoration. Lou W. and Emily M. volunteered to be on the committee and it was expressed that Christine C. may also be interested.

A suggestion was also made about holding a building orientation in the future for members.