

Community Meeting March 1, 2015

- **Board Report:**

- Richard K. presented a summary of February bank activity. The current cash balance is \$7,252.05

- **Teacher Report:**

- The teachers are responsible for the schedule and content of the retreats. We need a manager and a back-up manager to be responsible for the logistics and organizational operations on-site. Tom S. and Dawn L. are currently functioning as the retreat committee for the April retreat, however, we still need managers for that retreat as well as a permanent standing retreat committee, and managers for each retreat.

- **Friday Morning Sitting:**

- Jacqui G., who facilitates the Sitting on Friday mornings asked for feedback regarding changing the start time from 6:30 a.m. to 7:00. Currently, the number of people attending varies from 1-5. The question is whether more people might be interested and able to come if the time was changed to 7:00. The decision was made to temporarily change the time to 7:00 a.m. beginning Friday, March 13, and see if that makes a difference in the ability of people to attend.

- **New Space for IMA2 Activities:**

We have the opportunity to rent space at the Methodist Church on Miller Avenue on a more permanent basis. We currently rent space there for individual classes, however, that space is also used by the church members at other times for their activities. We are exploring the possibility of renting a room on the lower level that would be more exclusively ours to use and where we could permanently leave cushions, rugs, etc. between classes and sittings, and alter to meet our own needs. The space has access to a kitchen area and an area that could be used for child care. It is handicapped accessible and we could use it for social events as well as for sittings and classes.

Issues to Consider:

- We are currently spending a total of about \$350 per month for rent on our Sunday morning space at Harmony Yoga and class space at the Methodist Church. We are not sure what rental on the new space would be. The church has asked us for a proposal.
- We would need to spend some capital on carpet, paint, chairs, etc., for the new space. (estimate \$2,500 - \$3,000)
- The church currently has a Sunday service at the same time as our sitting (10:00 a.m.) Susan, Terry G. & Mary G. have sat in the potential space during the service (on two separate occasions), and, aside from a couple of short amounts of soft organ music on one of the occasions, there was no sound from the service. (On the

occasion when no organ music was heard, the speakers in the hallway were turned off).

- If we take the space, we may want to consider moving our Sunday to an earlier start time to avoid the congestion of arriving at the same time as the church members for their service.
- Concern was expressed that we need to be sure to make it clear that we are not sponsored by and have no affiliation with the Methodist (or any other) Church.

The group consensus was that we should continue to explore this opportunity and perhaps take an incremental approach:

- 1) a short-term lease with the option to renew
- 2) use the space for classes and social activities
- 3) try out a couple of Sundays with sittings at both Harmony Yoga and the church space

Then - re-assess.

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