

Insight Meditation Ann Arbor

Community Meeting Minutes

March 6, 2016

Call to Order: 11:25 a.m.

Board/Treasurer's Report: Richard K. reports our current balance as \$6,259.00. Questions were raised regarding how donations are designated when made through PayPal on the website. Terry G. offered to adjust the designation categories if necessary to ensure greater clarity. Richard reports approximately \$1,000 has been donated to the Room Space Fund.

Teacher Report: Susan W. reports the Spring Retreat is overfilled right now though she expects some people to drop.

The group extended congratulations to new teachers Dawn L. and Kristi H. for their accomplishments and to Susan for her tutelage.

Susan explained the plan is to ultimately offer a two-year, four-semester curriculum of classes. She is currently working on writing additional curriculum.

The group discussed whether meditation class attendees know they can add their name to the email list to be notified of other events offered by the sangha. Susan clarified the difference between adding a name to the membership directory versus the email list. Terry will follow-up on the email list to see if something needs to be changed, and announcements will be made to both the classes and the Sunday meditation attendees regarding how to have their name added to the email list.

There was discussion regarding the amount of donations received from the meditation classes and whether the amount tends to be consistent over time. Terry offered to address this topic at the next teachers' meeting so the teachers may decide how to best explain the vipassana donation tradition to their classes.

Building Committee: All were excited that a new vacuum has been purchased for the sangha with thanks offered to Christine C. for her effort.

The times when the room committee is scheduled to clean will be added to the calendar to avoid conflict with other events.

Room Use Policy: Jacqui G. raised the idea of offering tea at sangha events, which led to further discussion as to whether we want to allow beverages in our meditation room. There was no consensus and it was decided to table this topic for the time being.

Old Business: Susan is waiting to hear back from Still Mountain regarding our two sanghas potentially having a joint potluck.

Pat C. has been exploring what kind of paperwork other organizations have in place regarding liability and childcare. The sangha is seeking either an individual or a committee of a few people to spearhead the effort to make childcare available for the Sunday sittings.

New Business: Phil K. let the group know the folding chairs out by the coat racks are put away by the church each week, so if they aren't already out there before the sitting, any member can grab a few and set them up for the benefit of those who would prefer to sit down while taking off and putting on their shoes.

Susan will put a notice in the sangha email reminding people to now use the back parking lot entrance to come into the building.

Susan suggested the sangha hold a potluck in April. All agreed and a notice will be put in the email announcements.

Adjournment: 12:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane M.