

**Insight Meditation Ann Arbor  
Community Meeting Minutes  
May 1, 2016**

**Call to Order: 11:43 a.m.**

**Board/Treasurer's Report:** Checking balance as of 4/28 was \$6,029.82. The Room Enhancement balance through 4/28 was \$1521.23, not including the purchase of the tables and lamps. Bank total \$7551.05.

**Pat C.** reported tax returns have been filed.

**Phil K.** remarked how gratifying it is to see our organization work the way it does with the Board serving the purpose of administrative oversight.

**Teacher Report: Susan W.** solicited feedback regarding donations received for classes/retreats and how to determine what funds are available to teachers in recognition for their efforts. The issue will be further addressed with the teachers and the Board.

**Space Enhancement Committee:** The lamps and tables are in place and we came in under budget on the tables. Pictures for the walls have been purchased and are awaiting framing. There are additional plans to produce a zen circle for hanging. **Phil K.** shared the positive feedback he has heard about both the cleanliness of our space as well as the enhancements made.

**Old Business: Lou W., Pat C. and Phil K.** will be talking to Calvary Methodist Church regarding our lease. **Susan W.** asked if they could also inquire whether the church choir is going to continue to practice on Wednesday nights as she had hoped we could offer a regular meditation on Wednesday that would not be affected by the sound of the choir.

The inter-sangha potluck on April 22 organized by our sangha was considered a success. **Susan W.** reported Still Mountain was receptive to organizing another one in the future.

**New Business: Jacqui G.** solicited feedback on the idea of having a yoga instructor visit the sangha and teach a few yoga stretches that would be helpful to do following a sitting. There was support for the idea and it was suggested more feedback be solicited.

**Phil K.** broached the idea of producing a podcast about why we sit for meditation, featuring some people who meditate. Other suggestions were made and **Pat C.** suggested viewing the Secular Buddhist website for more ideas.

**Adjournment: 12:35 p.m.**

**Respectfully submitted,  
Diane M.**