

Insight Meditation Ann Arbor
Community Meeting
August 7, 2016

13 in attendance

Board Report

Several volunteer posts need to be replaced in October.

- 2 Board positions (Christine C. has volunteered to work with current Treasurer, Richard K., to take over the bookkeeping.)
- Facilitator for monthly Community Meetings to replace Diane M.
- 4 people for the cleaning team to replace Sheryl, Sharon, Bryan and Christine.

The Board is working on a Google docs application for announcements and reports.

Treasurer's Report

Sittings last month collected over \$500 - sufficient to cover rent.

Revenue and expenses generally balance out on a monthly basis.

We have a policy of keeping at least 6 month's rent on hand as a reserve.

The current cash balance is just under \$8,000.

The savings account has been closed since there is a charge to keep it open and the interest earned is negligible. A sub-account can be set up to reflect this reserve on the books.

Teacher Report

Susan is taking a sabbatical for a year and will not be preparing curriculum for the Continuing Class (Thursdays) and the Fundamentals II class (Tuesdays).

The Continuing class will continue to meet with a format to be determined by the group with Susan as facilitator. The Fundamentals II class will not meet during the coming year.

Terry, Kristi and Dawn will continue to teach the Fundamentals I classes and Terry will do an occasional 4 week series on a specific topic.

Community Meetings

The by-laws state that a Community Meeting be held monthly. That can be amended if so decided. However, the decision is continue on a monthly basis for now.

Lease

The lease renewal calls for 2 additional years with the same rights and privileges with a 2 year option after that. We have also asked for email confirmation that they will not schedule noisy activities for the room above, except for Wednesdays, without consulting us first. We expect the lease to be signed within the next week.

Pot Luck

There will be a pot luck the third Friday evening in September (the 16th).

Questionnaire

Richard K. prepared a set of survey questions to provide feedback on current IMA2 programs and activities.

Jacqui requested an additional question asking about the optimal time/day for early morning weekday sittings.

It was determined that the questions should be in a multiple choice format with space for comments.

Next month will be our 4 year anniversary and Susan would like to pose the question:

What are you coming for?

What are you hoping for?

We want to know what works for peoples' practice and do they feel supported in their practice.

It would be valuable to know the level of current participation by the people who answer. An important question would be:

Here are the things I have participated in _____

Here are the things I would like to participate in _____

It was decided to encourage people to identify themselves by name and city.

The point was made that we should encourage the idea that if you would like to see something happen, you should be willing to participate to make it happen.

Visiting Teacher

Susan has suggested bringing visiting teachers in from other sanghas in the Midwest such as our sister sangha in Cleveland.

The group approved the idea for a Friday night talk and Saturday workshop and Susan will move ahead to make the contact.

Jacqui also suggested a roadshow for us to visit other sanghas.