

Insight Meditation Ann Arbor
Community Meeting and Annual Members' Meeting
Agenda
October 2, 2016

Brief Meditation

Call to Order: 11:30 a.m.

Board/Treasurer's Report:

Several of our members are ready to fill the seats on the Board left open by Dawn L. and Richard K.. The meeting approved the candidacies of Mary G. and Shawn P., who will join Brian W. . Joy N. and Andy E. to guide the group through the next year. Christine Conner will also act as bookkeeper, assisting the member who takes over the role of Treasurer. The meeting expressed its thanks to Richard and to Dawn for their time and insight. The roles will be shared out at the next Board meeting.

Brian commented on the fluidity and harmonious workings of the group, with Board members easily filling in the gaps when one is unavailable. He also expressed his satisfaction at seeing the evolution of the group as a whole and of the community participation.

The bank balance currently stands at \$8652.45. There was some discussion of the insurance we currently have, which covers the group's liability both in our space and outside, for the retreats. Erik R. inquired as to whether the group provides personal liability coverage for its officers. It does not currently, and the question will be further looked into by the new Board.

Teacher Report

The teachers will be meeting on Oct. 10 to plan the next series of classes. Dawn is not currently able to teach due to the recent loss of her parents.

A guest talk and workshop has been planned with John Cunningham of Cleveland Insight Meditation on Jan. 20-21.

Space Enhancement Committee

The work of this group is mainly completed. The dehumidifier appears to be working correctly, and will be retired and stored as the heat comes on for the winter.

Old Business

The new lease has still not been signed, but the Board does not expect the details that are still being negotiated to be a problem.

Andrew P. reported on the progress of the new lending library. A goodly number of books have been donated, as have some stickers requesting (but not requiring!) their return to the library. The books will be housed in a space on the built-in shelving on the far-left wall, and a label will be put on the door to enable people to find them easily. A separate bookshelf might be installed later on.

The question of the possibility of the space being used by outside people, was discussed at length. A number of questions were raised. Susan clarified that in this first period of rental, until we are positively settled in with the church, we have decided not to consider outside requests. Now that it appears that our cohabitation with the church is on firmer ground, we might think about what use of the space is appropriate and desirable.

We could establish a set of guidelines. For the moment we have considered several scenarios: the invitation to our members to share something of interest to other members and to outside participants, is of course our current Friday night usage. Shall we extend this to rental of the space (at the rate of \$30) to other dharma groups? Shall we further extend it to requests, for example, from a musician who would like to organize a paid concert, or a non-related speaker who wants to give a talk? What activities and modalities do we want to accept?

It was pointed out that there is no real benefit to IMA2 in doing this, but there is the risk of straining our relationship with the church if an outside event was noisy, left trash in the parking lot, lights were left on, etc.

Any event, too, would require the attention of a sangha member who would be responsible for opening and closing the space and seeing that it's used appropriately. Is there a person who would like to take that role, or should it be on a case-by-case basis? These questions remain open.

New Business: none

Adjournment: 1:35 pm

Respectfully submitted, Janet C