

Insight Meditation Ann Arbor
Community Meeting Minutes
February 5, 2017

Call to Order 11:30

Board/Treasurer's Report:

Nothing out of the ordinary to report. The offering to John Cunningham was kept at \$599 to avoid the need for a W-9 form. Contributions did not entirely cover the cost, but it was agreed that this is exactly the sort of thing that our surplus should cover.

Teacher Report

The workshop with John Cunningham was very stimulating to both members and teachers.

There is a lot of interest in additional evening or after-work sittings. Terry is thinking of offering a half-hour sit, possibly on Thursdays. Options for some shorter beginner sits are also under discussion.

We are reminded that the teachers also serve as the “managers” of the use of the room.

Space Enhancement Committee

Joy will begin to look for a replacement rug. We determined the upper limit for the budget to be \$500. Christine will take charge of framing the calligraphy scroll, a gift from Brother Chad from Plum Village on his recent visit. Phil will go forward on the replacement bike rack, and the budget is set at \$200-300. We also discussed the problem of the excessive heat in the room. Phil will research the utility of insulating either/or the pipes and the heat vents. A louvered opening over the doors was also considered but is likely to bring an unwelcome level of noise. In the meantime we will try running a fan and venting well before the sittings.

Old Business

Audio enhancement: Shawn has been pretty busy but will talk with Joy and others now about the audio idea.

New Business

Christine mentioned that the introductions of new members made her realize that while we learn their names, they do not know ours! The idea of name tags is discussed. It would be nice to make reuseable permanent ones. Janet has a box of plastic holders with pins that might serve the purpose.

Adjournment 12:25

Respectfully submitted,
Janet C.