

Insight Meditation Ann Arbor
Community Meeting Minutes

January 7, 2018

Attendees: Janet C., Phil K., Lou W., Susan W.

Board/Treasurer's Report

The Board of Directors currently has one open seat, and the search continues for a fifth Board member.

Susan and Lou requested that the Teacher Group be notified of Board meetings so that a (nonvoting) representative from the Group might attend. Phil will notify the Board of this request.

The next Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 14, time and place to be determined. Revisions to the bylaws are the principal business topic for the meeting.

Teacher Report

Nothing new to report. Janet inquired about Kristi H.'s status as a teacher for IMA2; Susan reported that Kristi has withdrawn from that position. There is no plan at this time to train new teachers; Susan advocated for moving to model which relies on mentorships and peer-led instruction from more experienced meditators in the community.

Website Update

Susan reported that a new project management plan has been drafted to move the website reformatting and migration ahead. The goal remains to have a website which can be updated by various contributors (Board of Directors, Teachers, Committees) while maintaining Search Engine Optimization.

Old Business

Responsibility for various functions which Susan had been performing is being reassigned; Terry G. will be website administrator; Susan will continue to coordinate email communications; three members for the Retreat Committee have come forward, and Lou will be working with them to formalize and document Committee responsibilities and procedures; Janet has volunteered to coordinate Special Events, such as Friday night presentations, and will work with Susan to document procedures.

Lou suggested that Retreat Committee responsibility should include one Committee member serving as onsite Registrar and Retreat Manager. Lou suggested that the Retreat Manager should have a 50% credit toward room and board expenses for the retreat. The consensus of the meeting was that IMA2 should cover all room and board expenses for the Retreat Manager. Phil will bring this proposal to the Board for consideration.

Janet will coordinate announcements of IMA2 events and activities to be placed in publications such the Ann Arbor Observer and Crazy Wisdom Journal.

Phil will contact Technical Support at the Insight Timer app in order to be added as a Moderator for the IMA2 group on that app. Susan will remain as Administrator for that group.

The question of placing a second basket on the table for dana for teachers leading sittings and meditation sessions was raised. Lou and Susan both maintained that this suggestion was appreciated, but they feel it is neither necessary nor appropriate in the established practice of IMA2.

No new business was raised. Next community meeting to be held February 4.

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