

**Still Mountain Meditation
Community Meeting Minutes
August 9, 2015**

Facilitator: Jackie

- A. Review of community meeting ground rules (Jackie)
- ⤴ As agreed last week, we will continue using a “talking stick” to promote mindfulness and discipline in developing our community meeting culture.
 - ⤴ Reminder given of additional ground rules.
- B. Treasurer's Report (Hugh)
- ⤴ Last month's dana donations: \$215
 - ⤴ Last month's donations from Rec & Ed: \$438.64
 - ⤴ **Total deposits:** \$653.64
 - ⤴ Expenses:
 - ⤴ Turner: \$720
 - ⤴ Liability insurance (3rd quarter): \$280
 - ⤴ Bank balance: \$3,200.73
 - ⤴ Funds available: \$2,200.73
 - ⤴ Last month our total deposits were less than our expenses.
 - ⤴ **Retreat costs:** Nothing further owed until after the retreat. The \$600 deposit to the retreat center will go towards covering the total cost.
- C. Teacher's Council Report (Mary)
- ⤴ Council decided that any dana (in excess of costs) from the upcoming fall retreat will be divided with half going to the teachers and half to Still Mountain.
 - ⤴ Teacher's Council Code of Ethics is under development. This will be a thorough, lengthy process including both the Code and how it will be implemented.
 - ⤴ Sandra Villafuerte has joined the Teacher's Council.
 - ⤴ Still Mountain class offerings for fall:
 - ⤴ Hugh and Jim will lead a class on preparing for silent retreat. See website for details soon.
 - ⤴ Bilha and Mary will lead a class at Turner Senior Center.
 - ⤴ If students need more information on whether a class is appropriate, they can contact the listed teacher or, if none listed, any Still Mountain teacher. Refer to website.
- D. Announcements
- ⤴ Bilha is doing well in her recovery.
 - ⤴ Bhante Gunaratana is leading a weekend retreat at Great Lakes Buddhist Vihara Aug. 22-23. Details: <http://www.glbvihara.org/flyer.html>