

Minutes of Community Meeting, October 8, 2017

Format for Community Meetings

Community meeting is part of our practice.

- a. Hugh: "I know I'm 'off the cushion' when I value my own input more than that of others" (i.e., thinking of what I'm going to say rather than listening mindfully).
- b. Think of community meetings as a chance to practice "right speech".

Treasury report

- a. Treasurer's report was given.
- b. We have a retreat support account. This would help people go to retreats who could not otherwise afford to go.
- c. We discussed whether we might use some funds for charitable contributions given so many current needs; we will discuss this further.

Board report and Community Follow-Up

- a. The Board met yesterday: Discussed guidelines for "Still Social" listserv.
 - i. Board approved a change of language; specifically, we can post political/activist events but not promote them.
 - ii. Will put that information on the webpage.
 - iii. Guidelines include that on "Still Social" we would allow links to serious videos and encourage posting of teaching material.
- b. Board members will be changing
 - i. Many will be leaving soon, need 2 new 3-year board members.
 - ii. Need a Treasurer - Ken offered to be Treasurer.
 - iii. The new Board will select the President.
 - iv. Lisa and Judi G. offered to be at large members.
 - v. Teacher's Council nomination desired; David said they could do that.
 - vi. Send suggestions to anorton@emich.edu.

Organizer/Facilitators for Community Meetings

- a. Community meetings: Organizing involves announcing community meetings and communicating to the community. Facilitating reminds about ground rules, centers the discussion, keeps order, etc. Sara and Jackie had been in this role; Sarah offered to provide training to new people.
- b. Jake offered to facilitate and Judi G. volunteered to help. We need another volunteer.
- c. Dharma discussion meetings: We need someone to lead that as well. It was suggested David Lawson continue to coordinate that (and appoint others as he sees fit); he agreed to do it.
- d. Yair and Elias are now the webmasters.

Ethics committee

- a. Judi P., Ken, and Mariko volunteered to be on the committee.
- b. We want someone from board and Teacher's Council to help.
 - i. Hugh volunteered.
 - ii. Ken will likely be on board

Announcements

Next year Shaila Catherine retreat to be held October 22-28, 2018, at the Weber Center.
Theme TBA.

Next community meeting is December 10.