



Sacramento Insight Meditation

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Board Meeting Minutes, May 9, 2022

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Sacramento Insight Meditation (SIM) Board of Directors was convened at 6:00 PM on Monday, May 9, 2022 via teleconferencing

In Attendance

President	Jon Siiteri	Member-At-Large	Amy Kovak
Vice President	Absent	YPS Rep	Idris Ahmed
Treasurer	Sara Denzler	Faculty Rep	Diane Wilde
Secretary	Alice Carney	SDC Rep	Bob Jenne
Recorder	Christine Bitonti	Member-At-Large	Karen Tercho

Beginnings

The meeting was called to order by President Jon Siiteri at 6:00 pm. He led the group in a brief period of meditation followed by a reading of the *Guidelines: Board Participation as Dharma Practice* and a member check-in.

Minutes

Minutes of the April 11, 2022 SIM Board meeting were reviewed and approved unanimously.

1.0. Board-Faculty Communication

1.1 Faculty Participation and Report

Rich Howard's report is available on Google Drive. He highlighted a few items: The Beginning Class experienced some attrition from 30 to 15 participants. There were more attendees on Zoom than in person. He complimented Sara on her contributions. Currently, dates for the fall are being considered as well as a change of day to Monday to enable YPS sangha members to attend. He noted that Dennis Warren and Diane Wilde did not have anything new to report this month.

1.2 Teacher Care Sangha

Rich Howard's document (now called "Teacher Care Team") is available on Google Drive. Comments were entertained from Board members who had been given a copy to review. Many were surprised at how extensive the list is of activities to secure and care for visiting teachers, underscoring the need for a team approach. No action taken at this time. More review by the Faculty will follow.

2.0 Fiscal

2.1 Financial Summary as of April 30, 2022

Prior to this meeting, the Treasurer reviewed SIM's Statement of Financial Position and Statement of Activity Reports for April 2022. Those reports are provided in the Meeting Materials.

SIM's finances stand as follows:

Total Liabilities and Equity: \$133,557.82

Activity (Total Column):

Net Revenue through February: -\$4,901.18 (+3,203.63)

Net Revenue through March: -\$5,575.46 (-\$674.28)

Net Revenue through April: \$3,671.41 (+\$9,246.87)

3.0. Operations Issues

3.1 Covid Protocols

Jon indicated that current Covid protocols will remain in place for in-person activities (N95/KN95 masks indoors, social distancing, etc.). Few complaints about these requirements have been registered by sangha members.

3.2 Website Committee Report

Alice Carney reported that the color palette selected by the committee based on Board feedback from the previous meeting was submitted to the contractor. The website will be more

user-friendly when it is completed. No specific completion date has been determined, although June is a possibility.

3.3 Need for Additional SIM and SDC Board Members - Potential candidates?

Bob Jenne will be leaving the SDC Board after the May meeting. He indicated that Barbara Colton may be able to report Board activities and decisions to SIM President until a replacement can be found. Jon urged all Board members to continue suggesting names. Re: SIM Board vacancy, one individual who has been approached continues to express interest and will be considered for an interview.

4.0. Community Outreach

4.1 YPS Update

Idris Ahmed reported that there has been a consistent turnout of 6-7 people at YPS meetings with new people participating on occasion. Due to an anticipated maternity leave of one sangha member, some responsibilities have been shifting among members. Teacher scheduling is going very well.

4.2 Update from Diversity/Inclusivity Committee

The committee will be meeting next week. Amy Kovak has been working on a land acknowledgement for the new web page. She asked about the possibility of adding a list of Native American resources and links to the page (various local organizations and tribes). Sara suggested that any links that are added should be to information about culture/history rather than simply to a home page.

4.3 SIM Board Newsletter

Jon reported that the newsletter may come out next month. He will be the first SIM member profiled and has been working on a short biographical statement. Sara took this opportunity to note that the E-News (weekly SIM information) needs updating once the website work has been completed to make it more interesting and reader-friendly. Several Board members expressed agreement with this observation.

5.0 Retreat and Class Updates

5.1 Residential retreat 2022, Update

Sara reported that 20 people have registered for the annual retreat, paying at least the deposit (a few have paid in full). Five other people had expressed interest through the survey and will be contacted. It is time to do additional outreach through the E-News and possibly through networks of Neesha and Greg to ensure full participation. Idris offered to make an announcement about the retreat at the next YPS meeting.

5.2 Class Update

No additional reports were made (see information about the Beginning class above).

6.0. Volunteer Updates

6.1 A/V Operations

Karen commented that no significant problems have been reported by the paid technicians. Bob added that the system is finally working well. The sound issues were the greatest challenge, but now seem to be working seamlessly due to paid staff and enhanced communications among those involved in operating the system from the three sanghas (Karen had set up a Google list for them to use). Karen thanked Bob for his expertise and assistance.

7.0. SDC

7.1 SDC Report

Rent negotiation committee is at work to determine contributions from the three sanghas to meet salary needs of SDC to maintain smooth operations. The result may be an increase of up to \$200/month for SIM, which Sara did not believe would be a hardship.

7.2 Shared Use Agreement

There is a lengthy document for Board members to study with many issues. Scheduling seems to be the major concern with some confusing language to be carefully considered and discussed by the three sanghas concerning the use of the facility on weekends, in particular (Sundays and extra Saturdays not already designated for a specific sangha). No vote is necessary at present while details are being worked out.

7.3 Building Report

Bob reported that the North Yard was planted today with the rest of the work to be concluded on Tuesday. He noted that it is a nice place to congregate and urges sangha members to try it out during breaks.

8.0. Next Board Meeting

June 13, 2022 @ 6pm - 8:30pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Alice Carney, Secretary
Christine Bitonti, Recorder