



Sacramento Insight Meditation

FINAL

Sacramento Insight Meditation Board Meeting Minutes, September 11, 2023

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Sacramento Insight Meditation (SIM) Board of Directors was convened at 6:00 PM on Monday, September 11, 2023 via teleconferencing.

Attendance

President	Jon Siiteri	Member-At-Large	Amy Kovak
Vice President		YPS Rep	Absent
Treasurer	Greg Gollihur	Faculty Rep	Rich Howard
Secretary	Alice Carney	SDC Rep	Absent
Recorder	Absent	Member-At-Large	Karen Tercho
Member-At-Large	Katie Stonebraker		

Beginnings (6:00-6:20)

Sitting and Reading of [Board Participation Guidelines](#)

Personal Check-In

Minutes

Review and Approval of Board Minutes for August 14, 2023 as edited.

1.0. Fiscal

1.1 Financial Reports

Greg suggested that he develop a visual (bar graph) as an aid to understanding SIM's finances.

Financial Summary as of August 31, 2023

Monthly Report:

Prior to this meeting, the Treasurer briefly reviewed SIM's Statement of Financial Position and Statement of Activity Reports for January- August 31, 2023. Those reports are provided in the Meeting Materials.

SIM's finances stand as follows:

Statement of Financial Position

Total Liabilities and Equity: \$103,946.62: (previous total \$102,039.60)

Statement of Activity

Net Revenue through August 31, 2023: -\$12,143.14 (previous total \$14,366)

Notes:

While SIM's overall financial position has improved slightly from the previous month, the yearly decline in net revenue and total Financial Position continue to be reflective of the increased expenditures for presenters, particularly in Legacy Project costs, as well as professional services including on-going website costs and other professional services.

2.0. Board-Faculty Communication

2.1 Faculty Report

Rich thanked the Board for raising the fees for the Beginning Meditation class as these fees cover AV expenses. The class opens in December.

Katie requested being made an editor for SIM on Facebook. Rich will arrange for that.

2.2 Questions re: 9/16 Half-day retreat board-faculty meeting

Jon questioned the length of the proposed agenda. Rich clarified that now the only topic on the agenda that needs discussion is the format of Thursday night sits. An updated agenda will be sent to the Board.

2.3 Questions re: 11/2/23 faculty plans for community meeting

Jon questioned the Faculty's plans for this meeting. Rich said the Faculty plans this as a roll-out and explanation of the Legacy project, why it is important to SIM now and in the future, and that this information is to help with planning for fundraising.

Greg questioned the amount of money needed from fundraising and what specific plans SIM has for fundraising.

2.4 Teacher Liaison Committee

Karen reported that plans have been made for Vance Pryor to stay at the Jennes' home, but that coordination for the dinner after the Saturday September 30 still need to be made.

She reported that so far, teachers have been booked for about two-thirds of 2024.

3.0. Operations Issues

3.1 Website Committee Update

Amy reported that there are still issues that Sabitre is working through with Three29 and that Sabitre is working with our host, Blue Host, on some of these issues. Plug-ins, including for the Calendar, are "hopefully" getting up to date.

Rich reported that the Faculty was pleased with the changes that Sabitre has made on the home page of the new website and the emphasis on core resources

Karen, who is familiar with Word Press, volunteered to be a back up with Sabitre on the website. She also suggested Dirk as a possible paid back-up. She will ask him what he charges and report back.

3.2 Action Item List Update

1. Jon reminded the Board about the Board/Faculty meeting on September 16.

2. On the item of finding new Board members and volunteers, he has talked with Cathy Vigran about helping with this issue and she has agreed. The Board voted unanimously for Jon to continue working with Cathy on this issue.

3. Website. Jon and Amy continue to work with and support Sabitre.

4. Completed. Jon has given Faculty input on September 16's retreat.

5. On-going. Greg is staying in contact with Sarah Denzler for advice. Will work on a simplified visual of SIM's finances.

4.0. Community Outreach

4.1 YPS Update Jon reported they are meeting regularly on Wednesdays, progressing well.

5.0. Retreat and Class Updates

5.1 Residential retreat 2023

Jon reported that 27 people have registered, so there is now a waiting list. Mary Howard is Retreat manager and there is a retreat committee to support her. There was a discussion of Covid testing and how that will be handled.

6.0. Volunteer Updates

6.1 Volunteer Update

Margaret Buss reported to Jon that the set up committee is doing well.

7.0. SDC

7.1 Update

Greg reported that since Sunday's event was canceled due to health issues of the presenter, there has not been a SDC meeting since last month.

There was a discussion of dates when meeting rooms are open. Jon will check with SDC on available Monday nights for SIM Board meetings in the SDC Board room.

Executive Session

The Board went into Executive session at 8:01. Minutes in Google Docs.

The Board reconvened at 8:30 and adjourned.

8.0. Next Board Meeting

October 9, 2023 6:00-8:30 PM

Respectfully submitted

Alice Carney, Secretary