



PINE STREET SANGHA

Befriending Meditation • Exploring Experience • Integrating Insight

A Brief Financial Overview for Community Members and Newcomers

At Pine Street Sangha we operate on a small budget. Our expenses are basic. We pay rent for this beautiful building, a modest stipend for our teachers, compensation for one part-time staff member, and the miscellaneous minor costs of organizational life in a material world.

How do we pay for these basic expenses? We have two primary sources of income. During the first ten months of 2018, 61% of our income came from the generosity of individuals who are actively engaged in our community. Another 32% was generated by registration fees for continuing education workshops for mental health therapists. Subleasing the back office provided the balance of our income for 2018. As you can see from these percentages, as a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, Pine Street Sangha depends upon contributions from active members for a significant portion of our income.

Are these financial contributions small, medium or large? The answer is YES. Generosity comes in all sizes. The contribution box frequently receives five, ten, twenty- and fifty-dollar donations. At the other end of the financial range, our community received a generous gift of appreciated stock. In between these large and small amounts, are the remarkably helpful, regular monthly contributions that individuals schedule with automatic bank transfers or PayPal (on our website).

What would Pine Street Sangha do if there was additional income? We would expand access to Reflective Meditation. A vibrant training program has increased the number of qualified teachers. If there was additional income, we would strengthen the teacher training program, and be able to offer Reflective Meditation to more people in the larger community.

Although the focus of this letter is finances, we also want to acknowledge the incredible importance of non-financial contributions. Individuals who are unable to offer financial support often contribute volunteer hours to a wide variety of tasks and assignments. Please contact Heidi McGreal, our sangha manager, about volunteer opportunities. Generous offerings of time, talent, and money by all active members of the community are necessary for the existence and success of Pine Street Sangha.

We are committed to financial transparency. If you have any questions, please drop them into the contribution box or contact one of us directly.

Finance Committee of the Board of Directors
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