

# Prairie Sangha NFP Corporation

## 2020 ANNUAL REPORT

### Introduction

The Prairie Sangha of Urbana-Champaign was originally established in 1990 by Sandra Hammond, a graduate of the first Community Dharma Leaders program at Spirit Rock Meditation Center. When Sandra moved to Colorado in 2005, the sangha continued as a peer-led community of practitioners in the Theravada Buddhist tradition of Vipassana (or "Insight") meditation.

The Prairie Sangha Not-For-Profit Corporation was created to assume the activities, assets, and liabilities of the sangha as a 501(c)(3) public charity beginning in February 2018. This was intended to address three needs:

1. To put in place an accountable leadership for the organization,
2. To facilitate important financial decisions, and
3. To provide structure and continuity as the sangha continues to grow and change.

This annual report is divided into two sections. Part 1 provides an account of the activities and decisions made by the board of directors in 2020. Part 2 details the financials for the organization--income, expenses, and our projected budget for 2021. Questions about the report may be addressed to [directors@prairiesangha.org](mailto:directors@prairiesangha.org).

We are grateful for everyone who has helped the Sangha thrive for thirty years--Sandra and the original members, all who have sat with us in silence, the teachers who provided guidance and inspiration through dharma talks and retreats, and all who offer their time and gifts of dana to keep the sangha running from week to week. Thank you!

With gratitude and metta,

Tom Burton, President  
Betsy Hearne, Secretary  
Jason Scott, Treasurer  
Liora Bresler, Director  
Philip Douglas, Director  
Tom Howley, Director

# Part 1. Activity of the Board of Directors

April 20, 2020

The board of directors met and conducted the following business:

1. Appointed Philip Douglas to the board of directors (resolved via email on April 1, 2020).
2. Signed annual conflict of interest statements in accordance with Article X, Section 6, of the organization's bylaws (Conflict of Interest: Annual Statements).
3. Reappointed Liora Bresler, Betsy Hearne, Jason Scott, Tom Burton, and Tom Howley to the board of directors.
4. Re-elected Tom Burton to the office of president, Betsy to the office of secretary, and Jason to the office of treasurer.
5. Approved \$100 in dana to Dharma Seed to help support their online collection of dhamma talks.

December 7, 2020

The board of directors met and conducted the following business:

1. Resolved to allow the organization's State Farm business owner's liability coverage to expire on November 18 (resolved via email on November 12, 2020). The sangha will need to take out a new policy before in-person gatherings resume.
2. Resolved that the Prairie Sangha would not meet on December 21 and 28, 2020..

## Part 2. Financials

### INCOME - 2020

Gifts-In-Kind	0.
Dana basket	0.
Check, credit card, and online donations	2,219.
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>2,219.</b>

#### Notes

1. "Gifts-In-Kind" include bills paid to a third party on behalf of the Prairie Sangha.
2. "Dana basket" includes anonymous cash gifts placed in the basket at the Quaker Meetinghouse.
3. "Recurring monthly donations" include regular gifts received each month from individual donors.
4. "Check, credit card, and online donations" include all one-time gifts made to the Prairie Sangha by individual donors.

### EXPENSES - 2020

Quaker Meetinghouse Rental (through March 2020)	450.
Business Owner's Liability Coverage (State Farm)	0.
PO Box Rental	118.
Squarespace - Website Hosting - 1 Year	96.
Squarespace - Domain Registration (paid thru 2021)	0.
Quickbooks Online - 1 Year (TechSoup)	75.
IL Secretary of State Annual Report Fee	10.
Donation processing fees (e.g., Stripe, United Way)	15.
Dana (Dharma Seed)	100.
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>864.</b>

## SUMMARY - 2020

Balance - 12/31/19	2,088.
2020 Income Total	2,219.
2019 Expenses Total	864.
2019 Income - Expenses	1,355.
Balance - 12/31/19	3,443.

## BUDGET - 2021

### Total Annual Budget

On March 12, 2020, the Prairie Sangha suspended its Monday evening gatherings in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The line items below list projected costs for 2021 under the assumption we will not return to regular in-person gatherings this year.

Quaker Meetinghouse Rental (19 weeks * \$45/week)	0.
Business Owner's Liability Coverage (State Farm)	0.
PO Box Rental	146.
Squarespace - Website Hosting - 1 Year	96.
Squarespace - Domain Registration (paid thru 2021)	20.
Quickbooks Online - 1 Year (TechSoup)	75.
IL Secretary of State Annual Report Fee	10.
Donation processing fees (e.g., Stripe, United Way)	15.
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>362.</b>