

# Gakyil Meeting Minutes

June 2, 2026

**Present** (online): Gakyil members Gerard Miller, Katya Kuzmitskaya and Ellen Halbert; Community members Cindy Thiebeau, Harvey Kaiser, Bodhi Krause, Tashi Kaiser, Will Shea, Vern Harrington, Martha Tack

## Guru Yoga

## Agenda

- 1) **New chairs:** Plans were made to pick up new chairs offered by Colrain Community Church on Sunday 6/7, and bring them to the gonpa in Vern's trailer. Vern will need help loading; Ellen will solicit volunteers. Gerard and his son will take as many old chairs as possible from gonpa to Vajra Hall.
- 2) **Painting Guardian Cabin:** Plans were made for Gerard to return the \$1000 donation earmarked for Guardian cabin to Tashi. He will use this to purchase paint and supplies for painting the cabin inside and out. It was requested that a Sang and Serkyem practice be done on Sunday June 14, 7:00pm to 10:00pm before beginning work. Suggestion that the Guardian statues and TRI calligraphy from Kundrolling be displayed in outer room of Guardian cabin was discussed. Security concerns about this were raised and possible remedies identified.
- 3) **Michael Katz's upcoming retreat:** Translators have been requested for Spanish, Czech and Russian; Katya will solicit the additional Russian translator needed. Ellen will solicit Zoom hosts.
- 4) **ATIMONLAM during SSR:** suggestion was made to offer additional opportunities for AtiMonlam during Summer Sangha Retreat for anyone not participating in Vajra Dance or Yantra Yoga. Harvey volunteered to help transport those interested and start the recording, and to provide instruction on how to sing Song of the Vajra for anyone interested. The ATIMONLAM session scheduled for SSR is allocated 1 hour, with an additional hour for Oleg's presentation. Katya will follow up with Oleg re: his topic and accommodation. Accommodation for Oleg and family was offered by a local sangha member.
- 5) **Fall programs:** Ellen will ask Steve Landsberg to confirm dates and topic for his November course. Umdze training with Sebastien in December is still not confirmed.
- 6) **Yellow update:** Dominik is working on creating a sweepstakes to run all summer long, with 5 good prizes, including a week in Tsegalgar House at Dzamling gar, a week in Rinpoche's cabin, and 3 other prizes, one for each gakyil color. She is

also working on creating an online booking program for all accommodations, including cabins, schoolhouse, and Tsegyalgar House.

## **Dedication of Merit**