

Gakyil Meeting Minutes

July 25, 2026

Present: (online) Gakyil members Gerard Miller, Katya Kuzmitskaya, and Ellen Halbert; Community members Dominik Niceva, Cindy Thiebeau, Vern Harrington, Bodhi Krause, and Santo Santoriello

Guru Yoga

Agenda:

- 1) **Gakyil candidates:** two members have expressed interest in joining the gakyil, but have not yet applied. Ellen will connect with them to encourage them to apply. Another call for Gakyil and Geko should be emailed soon to all members.
- 2) **Blue report:** Katya shared ideas for September 27 program, including Vajra Dance of 12As, Guru Yoga of White A, Barsam collection of Khaita songs, and a Community Meeting. Katya will seek local input on next summer's programming at the Community Meeting. • Katya will contact Steve Lansberg to confirm exact dates for his November teaching (whether 2 or 3 days) and send him a draft course description for the announcement. Sebastien has not confirmed for December Umdze training, but Michael Katz offered a 6 Lokas retreat, which could possibly be scheduled for December or January. Adriana Dal Borgo has responded that she would be happy to come to Khandroling for a Vajra Dance and Khaita program in 2028. Katya will follow up with Migmar after his visa appointment in September regarding his planned visit in spring 2027.
- 3) **Yellow report:** Dominik shared financial status by email and summarized in the meeting: As of August 25, 2026, the Community holds **\$144,425** in actual cash across all Bank of America, Greenfield Coop, and PayPal accounts (about +\$47,147 more than a year ago on a comparable book basis).
 - **Cash on hand today:** \$144,425 across all accounts:
 - Bank of America: \$54,624
 - Greenfield Coop: \$86,205
 - PayPal: \$3,596
 - **Year over year:** about **+\$47,147** more than this time last year, on a comparable book basis
 - **Q2 bookkeeping, completed by Lowell:** all accounts reconciled and consolidated through June 30, 2026, Balance Sheet (6-30-26), P&L comparisons, and individual account reconciliation
 - Complete financial files are attached

- 4) **Membership report:** The full membership report is attached
- 5) **Suggestions:** • That new members receive a welcome letter including important information, links and contacts. Katya would like to follow up with programs tailored to new members. • That people who register and/ or donate for a program receive an email acknowledgment of their registration and/ or donation. Ellen will ask Nancy if there is a way to automatically generate this email.
- 6) **Red report:** Problems with animals chewing through water line to bath house on Khandroling are currently being addressed with PVC pipe to protect line. Water level is very low due to resulting leaks and spring being dry. For upcoming retreat extra porta potties have been ordered and participants will be urged to conserve water. • The contractor's work agreement expires August 31 and a new agreement must be negotiated for the coming three months. Dominik and Ellen will arrange to meet with the contractor in the coming two weeks. The level of satisfaction with the contractor's work agreement so far was discussed. It was noted that it has been beneficial for the community in some ways, in that we know better what we're paying for, pay only for specific tasks we request, and are saving money. However there are tasks the contractor no longer does, by choice, which we have difficulty covering. The contractor likes having more independence and the freedom to decline tasks but dislikes having to front money for needed supplies and having to do so much driving between sites and on the property. The contractor's value to the community and the difficulty of replacing him were discussed. It was noted that his truck is in precarious condition and without it he could not work. Various options to address this were mentioned including contributing to purchase of a new truck and having a community owned vehicle. • The use of recently purchased trap rock for road repair was discussed. It was noted the rock was intended for use on the road to the upper cabins.

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