

Gakyil Meeting Minutes

May 5, 2026

Present online: Gakyil members Gerard Miller, Katya Kuzmitskaya, Ellen Halbert, community members Dominik Niceva, Cindy Thibeau, Bodhi Krause

Present in gonpa: community members Tashi Kaiser, David Hayes

Guru Yoga

Agenda

- 1) Tashi offered to become a friend of blue gakyil and set up a team to develop possible budgets for a retreat with Yeshe. The team would identify challenges, brainstorm solutions, then present their work to the gakyil. They would also recruit a group of community members to help facilitate at the retreat. Another member offered to set up an excel sheet to enter the information. The suggestion was received enthusiastically by the gakyil.
- 2) A member asked that Oleg Troyanovsky, an SMS teacher who works with sound, be invited to teach at TE for 2-3 days, perhaps during SSR. Another member asked that the new tech setup for listening to Yeshe's Ati Monlam be made available in the SSR schedule for participants. It was decided to dedicate the final Saturday morning of SSR to the Ati Monlam sound experience and invite Oleg to participate and share his knowledge.
- 3) Paora Takarangi, a member from NZ who has spent considerable time at Khandroling for retreat and karma yoga, has offered his help as a friend of red gakyil. A call with red gakyil has been scheduled.
- 4) **Blue report:** Migmar's trip, which was planned for this spring, is delayed because no visa appointments are available. One of the 2 stupas that Migmar sent belongs to a member from NY, who will be notified of its arrival. Another member suggested connecting with a nearby NY dharma center and offered to facilitate this. It was recommended that the stupas be videotaped as they are unpacked and inspected, then stored in a secure location. Two local members offered to do this.
- 5) The venue for retreat with Michael Katz June 27-28 will be clarified and the announcement corrected. Karma yoga scheduled for early June will help prepare for the retreat.
- 6) **Yellow report:** We need a plan to develop Khandroling infrastructure to make it more accessible and comfortable for retreatants (eg, water, solar electricity, improved road access) and fundraise for this. The budget questions raised in Community Meeting have been resolved, and the error found, resulting in a surplus of approximately \$3400 from 2025. A short Community Meeting to

approve the revised budget will be scheduled soon. The Executive Director will email all members to inform them. A check for schoolhouse building inspection fee has been mailed.

- 7) **Red report:** Rot damage in schoolhouse foyer bathroom has been repaired. Second floor fire door permit was approved and door ordered. Guardian Cabin decorative eave pieces will be removed due to rot and other damage, and any compromised rafters will be reinforced. The deck and stairs will be repaired. A member offered to paint Guardian Cabin inside and out with another karma yogi, using an earmarked donation for materials.
- 8) Members reported many books left in Guardian Cabin by a previous retreatant and a member offered to remove them.
- 9) A member suggested the guardian statues belonging to Kundrolling be kept on the shelf in the outer room of Guardian Cabin, and the calligraphy of “tri” from Kundrolling be hung there. It was noted that a statue of Dorje Legpa once in Rinpoche’s Cabin is no longer there. (An email sent to the local sangha resolved this question). Better security is needed (keep door locked?) at Guardian Cabin.

Dedication of Merit