



# Tsegyalgar East General Assembly Minutes

Sunday, December 3, 2017 at 12:00PM

## **Guruyoga**

In Attendance: Staff – Jeremy Keaton, John Shannon and Tim Fisher. Gakyil – Dominik Niceva and Diane Kramer. Community – Martin Bobak, Helena Bankovic, Paula Barry, Jim Smith, Marilyn McArthur, Efrem Marder, Marit Cranmer, Gerry Miller, Jacqueline Gens, Vern Harrington, Fred Klarer, Lauri Marder, Luc Archambault (Phone), Francine Bonnier (Phone), Lynn Newdome, and Robyn Kinsey.

Gakyil Candidates: (Blue) Nancy Paris, Miranda Shannon, (Red) Bret Bourman, (Yellow) Diane Kramer, Al Daggett and Ed Matheny (Phone).

## **International Dzogchen Community Alignment**

- ✚ IDC alignment is complete. All documents are in and if anymore are required in the future then we will submit them at that time.
- ✚ We are 4<sup>th</sup> Gar to Align with the IDC. Merigar East and West, Tsegyalgar West, and now Tsegyalgar East.
- ✚ The IDC at TE has a new mission statement that is more inclusive of all of our activities at this point in time. There are more cultural activities worked into the new IDC bylaws to go forward with all of this. Tee mission statement itself is now 2 pages.
- ✚ A warm thank you to Dominik Niceva and Karen Prestwood for the Alignment and also Mark Farrington and Enrico Dell'Angelo of the IG.

## **New Gakyil Election**

- ✚ Miranda Shannon Blue Candidate
- ✚ Nancy Paris Blue Candidate
- ✚ Bret Bourman Red Candidate
- ✚ Al Daggett Yellow Candidate
- ✚ Ed Methaney Yellow Canddiate
- ✚ Diane Kramer Yellow Candidate
  - Everyone present at the meeting (teleconference included) agrees on candidates – Now we are waiting for Rinpoche's approval!

## **Shang Shung Foundation Update**

- ✚ SSF has created global calendar and Tsegyalgar East has been requested to provide the calendar for the entire year. The software right now is not published yet, though.
- ✚ IDC TE need the program content before publishing. Everything Gar, Ling and SSF needs to provide the programming for the whole year. Moving forward, the Community will have a more global scale to work within.

## **Blue Gakyil Report**

- ✚ Diane Kramer reads for Blue. See Attached.

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## Red Gakyil Updates

- ✚ The Schoolhouse Roof Grant was awarded by the Town of Conway but we are waiting because the state of Massachusetts is in a deliberation process regarding the funds.

## Rinpoche's Cabin

- ✚ Paula Barry organized our men around fixing the cabin. The cabin may be finished this Spring.
- ✚ Bret updates – Paula Barry and Jim Smith organized the process along with the Geko. All existing interior walls have been removed and the mice have been evicted. They are now in the painting phase. Jim Smith has been working on the cathedral window and repairing leaks. The new door also put in. The roof has also been completed.

## Yellow Gakyil Update

- ✚ IDC TE has \$32,000 in the bank. The Community is a \$20,000 deficit. TE will likely enter 2018 with \$30,000-40,000. There were fewer expenses this year than predicted which is very useful. There were funds remaining from the budgets for International Teachers, Marketing and Outreach.
- ✚ TE has started to get in large reservation orders for DzamlingGar Tsegyalgar East House. All the money coming in from reservations will go into the treasury once the loan for the TE House is paid off which Yellow expects to take only 3.5 years.
- ✚ There is also \$109,000 in reserve accounts. \$34,000 of this will be transferred to the Dzamlinggar Gonpa. The rest of the money, \$55,000, has come from the Joan Casey Estate. There is still another \$9,000 coming or so.
- ✚ Dominik has done amazing work for the DzamlingGar House reservations. Someone will need to be assigned to it now that Dominik is ending her term on the Gakyil.
- ✚ Yellow makes a request for bequests in people's wills towards the Gar.

## Lynn Newdome - Santi Maha Sangha Update

- ✚ WWT explanations we have been tracking these people who call in. lots of people call in. about 60 people. These people are from all over the country and Canada as well.
- ✚ Igor Legati on the IG has been sending Lynn the new guidelines for hosting courses online or on a conference. This expands the possibility of programming considerably.

## Question and Answers

Q: Who will be new president of the Gakyil?

A: Not sure yet. That will be determined once Rinpoche gives the OK and the Gakyil can deliberate.

Q: What's the status of the Geko?

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A: We have no candidate as of right now. If Jeremy leaves than we are out of a Geko. The Gakyil is continuing to solicit for a Geko. There is a requirement that the Geko be a Member for 3 years.

Q: Can the Geko come from another country?

A: Yes. But they need their own papers.

## Thank You!

🌈 Thank you to Geko, Bookkeeper, Secretary, and all past and Present Gakyil Members. (Jeremy Keaton, John Shannon, Tim Fisher, Diane Kramer, Dominik Niceva, Liz Wickhart, Amanda Pollock, Karen Prestwood, Cindy Thibeau, Matt Hayat, Martina Kacurova, Jakub Muller, Al Daggett, and Jacob.

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