



Tsegyalgar East Gakyil Minutes

Sunday, February 25 2018 at 7:00PM

Guruyoga

- Moderator: Ed Matheny
- Present: Gankyil - Diane Kramer, Ed Matheny, Al Daggett, Bret Bourman, Nancy Paris and Miranda Shannon. Staff - Tim Fisher.
- Approving Previous Meeting Minutes and GA minutes (to be approved)
- **Next Meeting: Saturday, March 17th at 7pm**

Staff Update – Secretary

- Membership Report: Ordinary – 102, Global Sustaining – 17, Global Meritorious – 4. Total - 123.
- More registration reminders will be sent out. Will be accompanied by message from IDC about Membership importance. Emphasis will be put on renewing in the first 3 months.
 - Ed will write first draft of Reminder for Blue

BLUE GAKYIL

Discussing Interim Geko and Secretary

- David Hayes might be interested in being an interim Geko.
- Jim Smith suggested finding interim people who can do the lawn and take care of ice and sanding and keep things safe. Also in terms of the Secretary it would mean Gakyil taking over certain aspects of the work and maybe hiring an outside office worker.
- Someone suggested going through membership and soliciting for the position

Letter about the Property Adjacent to Khandroling

- It's worth 1.3 million – Blue will announce it to the Community in case of individual interest.

Programming

- Blue will meet former Summer Celebration coordinators and are figuring out the scheduling and meeting with Teachers
- An SMS study group is starting for the Base and for Level 1.
- Michael Katz is coming in May for a Dream Yoga workshop.
- Mariano Gil said yes to coming in June
 - SMS public evening for Friday and then private weekend workshop.
- Alejandra, instructor of Khaita and Vajra Dance, will be coming to teach during Summer Celebration and then some courses after that

Outreach

- Blue has been collecting data from college and dharma centers. Blue will be posting notices there for public events. A Dharma Center Symposium is in the works- Marit Cranmer has offered to meet with us to discuss.

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RED GAKYIL

Current Red Projects

- Things at gar are going well; Geko responsibilities have been covered.
- Some people are strongly interested in the Gonpa renovation
- Geko room is underway in construction as well as one 1st floor bathroom. The Geko room now has a coat of primer. There could be tile in the bathrooms instead of linoleum.
 - Bret proposes using Gonpa carpets for Geko room and the Guest room.
- Bret asks the rest of the Gakyil if fabric will be donated to SSI for them to make and sell Lungta to the Community.

Gonpa Carpet Proposition

- The TE Revitalization Project proposes creating circular area rugs for mandalas in Gonpa – which would be easy to move around. Wall-to-wall carpeting is very cumbersome to move.
 - Bret will give list of items to Tim for budget; as long as it's not over \$500 it will work.
- Bret would like to know when fundraising will start for TE Project's Phase One.
 - AL says that SSI fundraiser was successful but we need to take a breath before we launch another fundraising item. The Gakyil needs to raise about \$25,000 for Phase One.

Schoolhouse Revitalization Proposal

- Diane suggests putting a list together for items for the Gar for people to buy specific things like DZ house
 - Bret refers her to that in the existing proposal.
- Al asks Bret to come to Gakyil before proceeding with Gonpa renovation plans once he meets with those interested in that specific project.
- Al iterates that the Gakyil still needs approval from the whole Community before going forward with revitalization; also money needs to be raised to fund the renovation of the 1st floor, but we cannot make a commitment to a business proposal until we've got those things clear.
 - Bret asked for clarification, understanding that the overall proposal had been approved at the GA meeting, and that it has begun. We started with areas of the line-items within it that were broken out as "repair/maintenance," since those monies were available within the budgt, and that it was stated at the GA meeting that the other monies would need to be raised as Capital Expense.
 - Al says the ideas that are presented make sense but IDC TE cannot pay to do the revitalization with its current funds. Nothing will happen unless money is raised.
- Bret believed that the proposed business plan was a preliminary step to the project being approved. He thought fundraising was contingent on the proposal's inclusion of it so that fundraising for it can begin.
 - Al says the Gakyil needed an outline for the use of the space, and now that piece is there within the project. Al has no other comment on it except that nothing will happen until money is raised for it.
- Yellow requests the model for having a second area in the Gonpa.

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- Bret refers to the proposed floor plan within the project's proposal.
- Bret requests a process from the Gakyil so that he knows the steps ahead of him
 - Yellow says we need to have the approval of the Community. So far, the Community has only approved for up to \$5,000 in the budget to go towards basic building maintenance.
 - Bret thought Yellow stated several times at the GA meeting that we would fundraise Capital Expenses for areas of the project that did not fall under repair/maintenance.

YELLOW GAKYIL

Financial Report

- TOTAL of DCA ACCOUNT AND PAYPAL \$55,759. That's about the same as January; the first 3 or 4 months this happens until the Memberships renewals stop arriving en masse.
- IDC TE will send over \$15,000 to DZ for TE house to start paying off the loan
 - Ed Moves that we approve that we send the money over, SECONDED – VOTE UNANIMOUS YES
 - Diane is investigating the total money that was sent to DZ from TE in 2015 already.
- \$74,000 in Reserves
 - \$10,000 in Khandroling and Vajra Hall accounts
- For the fiscal year 2018, we are predicted to be in a typical deficit of \$15,000.
 - Diane thinks we need to raise \$87,000 on top of the regular Membership income.

Farmhouse Utilities

- Yellow proposes that the Farmhouse tenants should pay the utilities.
 - Diane uses Carisa's residency to qualify for a parson's tax cut on the property.

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