

Tsegyalgar East Gakyil Formal Meeting Meetings

Tuesday, August 21, 2018

6:30pm (ET)

Selection of Moderator: Al Daggett

Present: Nancy Paris, Miranda Shannon, Diane Kramer, Ed Matheny, Al Daggett, Bret Bourman and Sarale Lizdas

Selection of Minutes taker: Jacqueline Gens

Guru Yoga

Approval of Minutes from 7/31/18 (tabled until next mtg)

General Discussion:

- **Sarale Lizdas - Red Gakyil Candidate:**

Warm greetings and praises to Sarale Lizdas with appreciation expressed for her dedication to the community by offering service on the Red Gakyil

- **Barn at Rinpoche's house** - Barn restorer from Ashfield stopped by and spoke with Carisa - Amanda has the information and notes.
- Will Elwell 413-625-9975, Barn Consult, studio@willelwell.com, [2001 Baptist Corner, Ashfield.](#)

There was a discussion about the status of the barn at present of Rinpoche's property on East Buckland Road. Al brought up that in his experience the biggest expense is in removing/carting away the dismantled barn. Brett mentioned an impediment to restoration, as looked into many times, is the "river beneath" and watershed surrounding that aspect of the property.

Al suggested that a video be made while speaking with the barn restorer, Mr. Elwell, as he speaks about the current inside/outside condition of the barn, to determine if Mr. Elwell suggests dismantling the barn for removal or if it viable to restore it.

Diane brought up the question of insurance on the barn separately or as part of the overall Khandroling outbuildings.

ACTION ITEMS: 1) Ed (Yellow) will look at the insurance policies. 2) Red Bret and Sarale will contact the architect to let him talk about the barn more as an exploration as to what he thinks. They will also speak with Cindy who may have further information and with Amanda who received notes from Carisa's meeting with Mr. Elwell.

- **Accommodations: Dzamling gar** - Review of Response Letter, House Manager, Long-Term Rentals, Dominik's request for leave, Gonpa Inauguration.

Dominik's request for leave as TSE & W administrative manager for Dzamling Gar House 11:

There was a discussion regarding Dominik's recent email to the Gakyil letting us know that she wishes to step down as the TSE & W administrative manager for Dzamling Gar. The position heavily involves finances and therefore has been a Yellow function to date. AI mentioned that during the phase out period AI will assist Dominik and that we will eventually need a dedicated person with strong number and organizational skills.

Dzamling Gar House 11 Onsite Management

(Regarding the majority vote that Kyu return to fulfill the role again as TS E/W House Manager starting October 1, instead of Irina. Original vote was 6 yes, and then changed to 5 yes, 1 rescinded, after the Gakyil received a letter from Margarita Supe, the administrator of the Dzamling Gar houses.

Bret brought up his concerns that decisions were being made without fully understanding the issues at hand and by failing to perform due diligence. From an HR point of view, since the Red Gakyil traditionally oversees community properties, he suggested that it would have been more appropriate to first interview and contact all parties involved including the property manager of Dzamling Gar. This prompted a lengthy discussion about the various karma yoga agreements/roles of onsite Dzamling Gar house managers--Irina and Kyu.

There was also a suggestion from AI that the Gakyil needs to fully understand the evolving global aspect of our relationships.

AI further suggested that since these arrangements were so fluid without a contract, that the Gakyil reconsider the previous decision made in writing by proposing that the Gakyil take a vote to 1) Reconsider the onsite property manager commitments and 2) Explore further questions from each color.

The Gakyil voted (5 yes, 1 abstention) to give Bret the opportunity to finish the due diligence he feels is necessary and to report back the results at our next formal Gakyil meeting.

ACTION ITEMS: Bret will compile and collect the Gakyil members questions to clarify any unanswered or unknown facts, and he will then approach Margarita Supe, the administrator of the Dzamling Gar houses, for the answers.

The vote for Kyu as Tsegyalgar House Manager currently stands, and no further action will be taken until the Gakyil receives Bret's report which answers the various questions asked

collectively by the TE Gakyil. The decision will remain as is, unless the new information received requires a new Gakyil vote.

- **Summer Khandroling debriefing:** Nancy: There was one injury at Rinpoche's cabin. Also the Vajra Hall Mandala became very slippery at times due to unusual weather conditions and inside Mandala cloud cover. On those occasions, the retreat had to be moved to the schoolhouse Gonpa a number of times. A number of people slipped at those times, but fortunately there were no serious injuries. Discussion ensued about safety measures, and the need to have proper documentation of incidents.
- **How to improve safety measures:** construction site, water, vajra hall floor
ACTION ITEM: Red along with Geko will create an incident report regarding the accident at Rinpoche's cabin and file in office.
- **Plan for extending the Vajra Hall season?** Diane mentioned that a NY Ling community member has offered to work with the Gakyil on writing a grant to fund an outer barrier for the Vajra Hall, suggested by Marit Cranmer.

ACTION ITEMS: Diane will follow up on Marit's contact for further info and Red will create incident reports.

Blue Agenda Items:

- Partial accounting of Summer Sangha Retreat (SSR)

Miranda outlined the revenue and expenses from the summer retreat. She presented the following amounts:

Paypal: \$7,690 (net)

Checks & Cash: \$1,300

Expected total for Registrations: \$8,990

Auction monies received: \$2,483

Auction monies to still be received: \$2,150.

Expected total : \$11,473 (inclusive of paid auction items)

Expected total: \$13,623 (inclusive of all unpaid auction items)

Rough Expenses: Approximately \$1,300 so far, however rough number does not include expenses such as porta potties, spring water, and maybe a number of other small items.

- Proposed community meeting dates as well as annual GA meeting date.
The date for our fall community meeting has been set for September 29, 2018 at 3:00pm. During the meeting we will also be voting on Red Gakyil candidate Sarale Lizdas. Future community meetings dates as well as annual GA meeting date will be set when we understand the timing better of when other Gars set their annual GA meetings.

ACTION ITEM:

Blue will communicate with IG regarding the standard time for elections and new gakyil, budget and goals (General Assembly).

Red Agenda Items:

See notes above.

Yellow Agenda Items:

P.O. Box Update DCA PO Box 479 perfect. The box in question is 477 used by Gekos and residents for personal mail and packages. Need someone to be the administrator for the box. Currently has no impact on DCA mail.

Action item: Jacqueline will meet with Yeshe Tsomo to ask that she become the signer for PO Box 477, and to let her know that the resident/Geko mailbox needs to be paid by those who use the mailbox.

Current Bank Balances - Ed Matheny:

PayPal: \$15,036

Checking: \$35,213

Reserve: \$73,979

Tsegyalgar House at Dzamling Gar: \$3,025

Khandroling: \$5,946

Vajra Hall: \$4,225

ACTION ITEM: Credit Card June Receipts: Brett will meet with Jacqueline

Dedication of Merits