



# Tsegyalgar East Gakyil Minutes

Sunday, January 21 2017 at 12:30PM

## Guruyoga

- Moderator: Bret
- Approve Last Meetings Minutes: Approved!
- Schedule the next meeting: February 18, 2018 @ 12 30PM
- **Schedule GA – February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Saturday 2:30PM**
- In attendance: *Gakyil – Miranda Shannon, Nancy Paris, Bret Bourman, Ed Matheny, Al Daggett, and Diane Kramer. Staff – Tim Fisher. Other – Dominik Niceva.*

## Secretary

- Membership Report: 70 Members, 54 O, 14 GS and 2 GM. (4N/34RP)

## Whole Gakyil

- Why members leave and do not renew their Membership
  - If people are not around the Gar then Membership becomes less attractive
  - Costly to travel to the Gar
  - Suggested to blue: creating networks in different regions. That's what is happening – we connect them to people in the area.
  - Networking – reaching out to existing membership and see if they will participate as a distance member in helping with events

**ACTION ITEM:** Al is taking on this task of contacting 13 members and will connect with people who he sees over the next couple of months and get their viewpoints and see what they want. Then we can see how to accommodate their wishes. Al will come back in a month with a proposal of what he has gathered.

- Ed talked to members who have unreliable income streams but once they get paid their current commission they will be renewing Membership and paying back years. These people enjoy being to connect to the Sangha via the webcast.
  - The webcast stream has improved thanks to Bodhi, Nancy, Miranda and John.
- Carisa is asking the Gakyil if some Joan Casey money could go to Dondrubling. Yellow will consider.

## BLUE GAKYIL

### Upcoming Events

- Summer Sangha Retreat (Formerly known as “Summer Celebration”) will begin Saturday July 21 and conclude on Sunday, July 29<sup>th</sup>
  - The retreat begins on the WWT date. Blue is working to build the schedule.
- Losar is nearly complete with setup. Bret, Lauri Marder, Miranda, and Nancy will be making divination soup.



- Fire puja and divination will be done on Wednesday 2/14. They are following the same format as last year.

## Report on Current/Past Events

- Holiday Sangha Retreat had just about 10 people every day. Paula's YY course had about 8. About 12 have gone to Bodhi's Beginners VD Course.
- Martina and Adriane are doing public classes in Northampton and Easthampton. When Naomi returns she will be doing that as well.
- The movie nights have been going well. 7 people came to movie night from the local community – non practitioners.
- The WWT Explanation has been set with Lynn – it will occur on 2/25 at 3:00PM.

## Informal Gakyil Meetings

- Blue requests to reduce the frequency from weekly and switch it so “as needed”
  - Bret counters with the hope that by meeting together, weekly, we could easily cut down on emails--to note our Qs that come up during the week and then talk them through in shorter, more frequent visits. IDC has found this way to be very successfully to them.

## International Instructors

- Shang Shung is inviting Instructors to come here – does IDC have to steward for SSI teachers? Blue is left to do a lot of organizing for SSI do to their current state.
  - Dominik says a year ago Gakyil invited Salima and SSI invited her too and she participated in the Summer Celebration. DCA shared the cost with SSI. DCA can offer up Rinpoche's cabin when they come to teach.

## Webcast

- Webcast sign in policy – Gakyil is thinking of changing it from a generic login to a personalized, IDC account based login that each individual Member uses. They will talk to Luigi about this.
- Webcasting has brought in more visits to our page. About 5,000 visits a month.

## RED GAKYIL

- The Conway Historical Society approached IDC-TE regarding the use of the Gonpa. Their annual dinner was then hosted in the Gonpa on Friday evening, January 19, 2018. It went very well. The CHS said that they mingled long after the event concluded, which is unusual for them, so was a mark of success that they were so comfortable in the space.
  - Jacopo took care of rolling up the carpets in the Gonpa for the following morning's Vajra Dance Course.
- Bret will pursue plumbing estimates for the Schoolhouse remodel. Proposed location of fixture is directly over existing, so the plumbing should be completed rather easily. He estimates It will



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cost about \$3,000, based on proposed locations. We should have a hard number once walkthroughs with plumbers are scheduled.

- Request for upcoming purchase orders: Bret wants to purchase material for the rLung Ta flags.
  - Yellow OKs
  - Tim will meet Bret in the morning to give him the CC, Yellow approved flag material purchase.

## Geko Candidate

- Lorenzo is applying. Lorenzo is from Merigar and has dual citizenship and has applied for an interim position and could maybe stay on more long term.

## Schoolhouse Revitalization

- Re: Finalizing a budget on revitalization, Bret requests Gakyil to vote on proposed remodel so that continuing due diligence can freely occur.
- Diane suggests going forward with the dorm, Nary's room and bathrooms to begin.
- SSI has to be properly informed of the proposed plan details. IDC- TE Gakyil has to first pass our budget, should we go forward with any element with in the proposal, then we have to work with carry monies from 2017. since we have not yet presented 2018's budget at the GA.
  - Bret's primary concern is regarding logistics--time marches on. The Gakyil is supportive and wants to be sure the proper procedures are followed, and that the Community, as a whole, is informed and agrees.
  - Gakyil – does \$20,000 get added to IDC-TE official budget for approval before we go to SSI and community about moving forward? The Yellow Budget will be voted on in this meeting – then we put to a vote, do we do this project?
- Concern is expressed regarding how often, and if the School of Tibetan Medicine (STM) will be using the facilities. It is noted that the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (CoM) has again approved STM's programming, and that Phuntsog has trained Yeshe as a teacher, who has also been approved by CoM to teach in the programs. STM may be looking to conduct classes here in the Schoolhouse, if we are able to provide the minimum criteria for facilities that enable the school to do that.

## YELLOW GAKYIL

### Budget

- Questions have come up based on numbers because the source document for the last budget were a P&L from Ed Margola. This info is unclear and we need clarity from Ed Margola in order to approve the budget. Ed Matheny says Yellow will email everyone over the next few days once they hear back from Ed Margola.
- Al is making a motion to the Gakyil to approve this budget once they receive the budget via email shortly. Diane and Ed Matheny second the motion. LET'S HAVE A VOTE:



## **Decision: 6 Yays!**

- Gakyil has unanimously approved this budget.
- Yellow claims that the remaining \$15,000 or so for the remodel can be fund raised.
  - Dominik brings up that Rinpoche's cabin is not done and the costs of project will cost more than the \$5,000 which exists already from last year's budget overflow. Dominik says there is no proof that this project will bring back anything. Bret reassures Dominik that everything is being looked at that needs attention, and completion of Rinpoche's cabin is scheduled in Red's 2018 proposed Spring Actions. Other things too are on schedule throughout the year 2018.
  - Due to time constraints, the Gakyil decides to proceed with a vote on this today. If it is not agreed to move forward at this point in time then we will not have enough time to finish it during the proposed 2018 Winter Actions.

## **ACTION ITEM:** Schedule meeting with SSI on remodel

- Discussion has been closed by a motion from AI
- Vote is called to accept the plan from Red : **6 Yays; Unanimous vote of YES** to present Red Gakyil schoolhouse revitalization proposal to SSI Board for input and discussion.
  - Gakyil will first meet with SSI Board for input and discussion. Schoolhouse revitalization proposal will then be presented at GA for further input and discussion. Proposal will then be presented to Rinpoche.
  - 1<sup>st</sup> phase is funded from previously proposed and accepted budget.
  - Miranda will create a Doodle with multiple options for SSI to decide on at the meeting.

## **FINANCIAL REPORT**

- About \$39,000 in bank. Paypal has about \$14,000.
  - \$8,500 must go to DZ House. That gives IDC-TE \$46,000 active in the Treasury.
  - There is about \$10,000 in Khandroling bank accounts.
  - 53k saved from Joan Casey estate. There is also still \$20,000 saved from AI a long time ago known as reserve money.

## **Tsegyalgar East House at Dzamling Gar**

- IDC-TE now has a separate DZ House bank account & a Paypal account directly connected to it:
  - It looks like the initial debt of IDC-TE to Meriling is \$163,000 euros.
  - We have paid \$36,377 euros so far. That leaves \$126,000 euros that is owed.
- Income from DZ house in 2017 was \$21,000 USD and expenses are \$4,000 USD each ear; leaving \$17,000 USD as profit in 2017. IDC-TE will have to take \$8,000 USD from the main account to make up the difference of what is owed for the year 2017.

## **Motion to send money to DZ**



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- \$17,000 USD coming from DZ bank account, DZ PayPal, and DCA main account. This way 2018 will begin with a clean slate.
- Diane has instructed Ed Margola not to update the P&L and to keep the DZ monies separate from costs. It costs about 6 or \$700 USD/month for upkeep.
- 2 Gars fundraised and paid off their debt fully already.

## Action Items from Last Meeting

- IDC protocols that have to be signed by all Gakyil's must be signed by this Gakyil. Dominik has had this in hand since the beginning of the year, and apologizes for not yet distributing that to everyone. She will do that immediately.
- Blue, Red and Yellow have all submitted goals for 2018. These will be presented at GA.
- Discussion of Secretary
  - Tim will remain for some more time as Secretary and will be sure to adequately train the replacement even if his new position does begin before the Secretary position has been filled. The Gakyil offers a letter of recommendation to Tim for his time as Secretary.
- Regarding December Gakyil meeting minutes – they will be sent out and posted now that they have been approved.