



Tsegalgar East Gakyil Meeting
Thursday, September 27, 2018
8:00am (ET)

Moderator: Al Daggett

Minutes Taker: Nancy Paris

Present: Nancy Paris, Miranda Shannon, Diane Kramer, Ed Matheny, Al Daggett, Bret Bourman, David Hayes

Guru Yoga

Approval of Minutes from 6/26/18 (secretary lost the notes)

Approval of Minutes from 7/31/18 (Tabled)

Approval of Minutes from 8/21/18 (Tabled)

Geko Report:

- Fire extinguisher inspection Sept. 27, 2018 11AM
- School House road, behind Gonpa, needs repair
- Planning to do some chain sawing
- Wrapping out of Rinpoche's cabin--furnishings and pick-up
- Question of extended stay rate of Schoolhouse Guest room - Yellow Gakyil will discuss and get back to Gakyil & David
- Over 30/days longer stay rate is \$21/mo. There should be a limitation on length of stay in cabins.
- Rinpoche's house - rental going from \$450 to \$500 with \$50 for utilities. December 1st from \$450 to \$500 and \$50 for Utilities.
- Dumpster is needed for upper and lower Khandroling (Rinpoche's house and also Rinpoche's cabin). Yellow approved a one month rental - 1 dumpster for the month of October.
- Al: Was there a follow-up from Joe Zurylo regarding taking trees down at the Dark Retreat Cabin. David will coordinate with Joe on update of Dark Cabin grounds and repairs.

General Discussion

- Status of secretary: Friday, September 28 is Jacqueline Gens last day as Tsegalgar East secretary. Nancy and Miranda met with her on Wednesday, September 28th, to review duties.
-John has been handling the membership duties, he will begin training Tara Miskiel to

take on some of these duties as membership assistant.

Al: Tara's position will be trainee for now. John, Nancy and Miranda will fill in for now regarding answering machine, secretary emails and sorting bills.

- Community Meeting rescheduled to Saturday, October 27, 2018, 3:00pm, followed by a Ganapuja at 5:00pm at Schoolhouse Gonpa and via Zoom videoconference. Ganapuja will be webcast. Karma Yoga fall clean-up on Khandroling will be Sunday, October 28th.

Red:

Bret: Update: TE Revitalization Project: Phase One - Approximately \$950 of the 5K allocated to begin the project remains after Geko's Rm, Guest Rm, Dorm Repair and Curtains, Gompa floor and Carpet, and renovation of Bathroom 1. The second bathroom will be done for less than \$950. Some of the surplus materials that were purchased during the remodel of the first bathroom are intended to be used for the second bathroom as well, like remaining flooring and paint. The second bathroom is less labor intensive - no major water damage. It was previously drywalled, so no failing plaster to repair - a simpler area to complete. The second bathroom will begin being worked on before our next Community meeting.

Nancy: Privacy screens in Dorm?

Bret: This is part of phase II, would not be floor to ceiling, but L shaped division to shade direct sun and add privacy to changing one's clothes and for sleeping, with compartments to put things in. Super cost effective.

Phase I - Dorm was curtains, ceiling repairs, matching sheets.

Phase II - floor - more labor but low overhead - but means shutting down the dorms.

Phase I - Schoolhouse

Phase II - Schoolhouse and Khandroling

Phase III - Khandroling

Winter months best time to work on schoolhouse--before the next GA meeting in February/March/April

Blue:

- Miranda: We have been offering nightly webcasts these last two weeks. It's ongoing, taking cue from IDC how long we will be doing this. Need to be flexible with weekly practices. Instructor invites and events - have come to standstill for now.
- Al: Public activities that were under SSI are now under Blue Gakyil, due to SSI USA being non-existent now.
- Miranda: Khaita is still going on. Bret & Amanda are organizing the parade for the Conway Festival of the Hills. Tibetan Medicine School and Khandroling Paper Coop will have a presence with tables.
- We have upcoming public programs scheduled: Malcolm will give a book signing and talk and Ed will be leading the Vajra Dance that Benefits Beings the weekend of October 20 - 21. Monthly Movie Night starts October 12th.
- We are also planning demos in Amherst during Arts Night Out.
- Al: Gonpa at Dzamling Gar?
- Miranda: nothing has been said

- Al: Sarale in Merigar
- Bret: She's practicing with larger sangha - haven't heard plans of when she's returning. Phuntsog is with Rinpoche.
- Miranda: Condition hasn't changed since he arrived at Merigar
- Al: reach out to Sarale - when things clarify we want her to be on the Gakyil.

Yellow:

- Ed: Town Assessor: Chapter 61B Renewal Applications need to be submitted to assessor's office, Buckland, by Oct. 1, 2018 and every year thereafter for renewing our Chapter 61B status of usage of land (lower & upper Khandroling) as "open space" (recreational) for real estate tax assessment purposes. Requires submission of two independent renewal applications, each by our respective entities holding the properties' titles.
- Ed: Lower Khandroling, 160 East Buckland Ave is owned by Dzogchen Community. Recreational (open space) classification lowers the property taxes. Upper Khandroling is handled by Khandroling Properties, Inc.. Diane Sievers will hand deliver the renewal application on Monday. Rinpoche's farmhouse is owned by Dzogchen Community of America, Inc..
- Diane: The Dzogchen Community is a non-profit corporation with tax-exempt status.
- Ed: Need expenses for Rinpoche's cabin repair - to transfer funds from the Khandroling reserve account to bank account.
- Diane: Main account - includes revitalization fund and funds needs for Dzamling Gar house.
- Al: Yellow will schedule call to sort out bank accounts.
- Ed: Will ask John about paypal funds
- Bret: Do we need to be present with assessor?
- Ed: No just paperwork filing.
- Bret: The recently renewed tax exemption docs that we received are good for another 10 years but are in the old corporation's name.
- Ed: Will look into it. May not be a problem as is.
- Diane: C61B - Khandroling property - open space filing - taxes lower
- Diane: Paying invoices to Dzamling Gar for house 11 - over \$1000 a month
- Diane: Income has covered the expenses - what is left over we send to pay off the loan.
- Diane: Ed something up on website about leaving money in wills
- Miranda: Ed should touch base with John regarding this as he has experience via his current job.

Financial Report:

Checking: \$21,503

Paypal: \$19,782

Reserve: \$73,996

Dzamling gar House: \$6,232

Khandroling: \$5,946

Vajra Hall: \$4,225

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