



Tseg্যালgar East Gakyil Meeting Minutes
Tseg্যালgar East - via Videoconference
Tuesday, July 14, 2020 | 7:00pm (ET)

Moderator: Miranda Shannon

Meeting Minutes: Nancy Paris

In Attendance: Miranda Shannon, Nancy Paris, Ed Matheny, John Shannon, David Hayes, Bodhi

Guru Yoga

- **General Discussion**

- Updated pandemic phase plan currently being discussed. An announcement will soon be made.
- Stupa Restoration & Landscaping Fundraising Project
The fundraiser was announced eight days ago to the worldwide Community. It includes four phases: restoration of the Stupa, landscaping, grading the area around the Stupa, and wall/walkway. The copy described the history of the Stupa and Rinpoche's deep involvement with it. As of today \$5400 has been already raised. It is going extremely well.
- School of Tibetan Medicine will be offering its August 2020 intensive online. It is still too early to know whether the March 2021 intensive will be in-person or online. Much depends on the status of COVID-19 come spring 2021.

- **Geko Report**

- Working on the land a lot. Karma Yoga tasks: Guardian cabin still needs to be scraped and painted. Weeding is needed around the Vajra Hall, perhaps people who come to practice could weed for 10 to 15 minutes. The vinyl mandala has been brought to the Vajra Hall to allow for dancing on separate mandalas and allow for safe distancing of Pamos and Pawos.
- Half of the dorm still needs to be painted. Once that is done, Geko will touch up the Gonpa floor. Geko plans to do the interior work at the schoolhouse on rainy days.

- **Administrative Manager Report**

- Payroll Protection Program (PPP) loan was applied for, and Tsegyalgar East was approved for it through People's United Bank. The loan is forgiven if 75% is used for payroll costs. Tsegyalgar East has applied 100% of the loan toward payroll costs, and therefore the loan will be forgiven. Currently waiting for the bank to send the loan forgiveness application. Once received, it will be submitted.
- The annual audit for Workman's Comp policy with Travelers Insurance is coming up in late August. Administrative Manager will review and update any changes that have occurred in our organization - It is hoped that Travelers may adjust the rate in our favor due to Tsegyalgar East having less activity due to COVID-19.
- Mowing and clearing the setback of the road leading to Vajra Hall is arranged, as is the clearing of the trees that hang over the Stupa - that causes a threat to the structure. The garage at Rinpoche's house is currently being worked on, and should be done by the end of summer.
- The Bookkeeper has not been working on site due to the pandemic, and only requested to start working online in March. Until that time, the bookkeeper refused to work remotely. This spring there were Comcast issues, and the office desktop computer stopped working. These issues have now been resolved. A quality laptop was donated, and will replace the desktop when needed.

- **Blue Report**

- All programs are online for the foreseeable future. Tsegyalgar East has a full schedule of courses and weekly practices. The practices and courses are well attended. So far there have been weekly and now monthly Dream Yoga practises with Michael Katz as well as transmission based and public Dream Yoga courses. Elio Guarisco offered a Tsalung course in June, and Steven Landsberg is teaching *Welcome to the Dzogchen Community - Opening the Door to Practice* twice weekly. These classes are intended for newcomers and interested practitioners. Steven Landsberg is also teaching *Practises of the Precious Vase*, a transmission based three day a week class, that is also open to those who make a serious commitment to receive transmission when it becomes available. Both these courses are doing well. Nina Robinson will be leading a Mandarava practice retreat in late July/early August.
- There is an overall increased interest in membership, and more donations for online programs, due to current programming.

- **Yellow Report**

- **Account Balances**

- Checking Account: \$41,521
- PayPal Account: \$7,641
- Reserve Account: \$60,284
- Vajra Hall Account: \$4,227
- Khandroling Account: \$3,422

- Dzamling Gar House Account: \$257.64
- Yellow worked with Blue on the Stupa fundraising campaign. End of year Profit & Loss (P&L) statement will be posted shortly. There was a small surplus in 2019. Everything is proceeding in a sound manner, and on par with the previous year. Yellow wishes to mention that blue is doing wonderful work by creating and offering so many programs.
- July 15th IRS extension - will confirm with bookkeeper routine extension - all good with that as well.

Dedication of Merits