



Tsegalgar East Gakyil Meeting Minutes
Tsegalgar East Library & via Videoconference
Tuesday, March 3, 2020 | 7:00pm (ET)

Moderator: Miranda Shannon

Meeting Minutes: Nancy Paris

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

Guru Yoga

- **Membership Coordinator Report -**
 - Document emailed by IDC Yellow Gakyil emailed reflects the payment the Tsegalgar East needs to make to the IDC for 4th quarter 2019 membership fees. Gakyil will answer shortly.
 - 2020 membership as of March 3, 2020 - Tsegalgar East: 136 Members; 118 Ordinary, 14 Global Sustaining, 4 Global Meritorious.
Kundrolling: 20 Members; 16 Ordinary, 4 Global Sustaining/Meritorious.
 - At this time, there are 77 people with 2019 membership who have yet to renew.
 - From 2018 & 2019 there are a total of 150 people who have not renewed. Membership Coordinator would like to send out another renewal notice, and perhaps a short survey asking reasons for non renewal.
 - Blue Gakyil mentioned that IDC sent out a notice to members saying that the restricted webcast was open to both 2019 and 2020 members, but that membership renewal would be required by 3/31/20 in order to attend future restricted webcasts. Tsegalgar East currently requires membership for transmission based courses and study groups.
 - Membership Coordinator mentioned that IDC regulation states that the membership year begins on January 1 of each year. Members are expected to renew by the end of the 1st quarter so that the Gakyil can better manage programs and upkeep/running of the Gar.
 - Action item: Yellow and Membership Coordinator will write a draft for membership renewal letter. Blue will give suggestions and make edits.

- **Tsegalgar House Liaison - Recap of meeting with Dzamling Gar House Association**

- The Dzamling Gar House Association plans to divide utility expenses between 9 of the 30 houses. The Tsegyalgar Liaison suggested to the committee that utility expenses should be divided between all 30 houses. House management is complicated, and the Dzamling Gar Gakyil would like to hire a dedicated manager/finance person. The hiring for this position will further affect utility expenses. Tsegyalgar East currently pays 700 Euros monthly, but its utility expenses could potentially become 1400 Euros monthly with the new plan. This would adversely affect Tsegyalgar East's income, and thus the ability to pay off Tsegyalgar East's Dzamling Gar debt. Dzamling Gar will be presenting a corrected budget soon, and we should be able to better understand how utility expenses will be reorganized. In 2020, Dzamling Gar is only collecting cash payments, and will be setting up a bank account for this purpose. Cash received for Tsegyalgar House will be managed by the Tsegyalgar House Manager.
- **Geko Report**
 - There is a serious plumbing issue in the basement. A floor leveler was left in the floor drain and cemented in. This created blockage, and flooded the men's bathroom shower stall and one of the washing machines. Use of muriatic acid was rejected, due to its corrosive properties that could damage the pipes. A quote will be obtained to rent a jack hammer so that the floor can be broken up, and the pipe replaced. The Geko will do much of the work in order to reduce costs. Since these repairs will need to be made, the Gakyil will also get a quote for upgrading the men's toilet stalls.
 - Timeline for removing the tractor from Natural Light storage - Geko suggests April.
- **Administrative Manager Report**
 - The Administrative Manager has returned from medical leave, and is currently reviewing last year's books for any inconsistencies. The updated results will then be given to the bookkeeper.
 - February PayPal reports, credit card and mortgage statement reports are being generated and forwarded to the bookkeeper.
 - Deposits and invoicing are being brought up to date.
 - Administrative manager is working with renewing members who are having some Paypal issues, and helping with dzogchen.net signup questions.
- **Blue Report**
 - Upcoming programs: Bardo Teachings with Michael Katz in May, Vajra Dance that Benefits Beings with Ed Hayes in June. The Summer Sangha Retreat schedule is being organized, and the participating instructors will soon be contacted. The August Dance, Dance, Dance retreat schedule is posted.
 - Nina Robinson is scheduled for November 2020, program to be announced. Elio Guarisco has rescheduled and will be coming to Tsegyalgar East in 2021.

- Red projects/annual tasks are in the planning phase. Gakyil is checking in with Friends of Red Gakyil as to current and future projects at all properties, as well as the yearly upkeep tasks for Khandrolling and Lower Khandrolling.
- No Gakyil applicants replied to the Gakyil call for Red and Yellow Gakyil members. Friends of Red were approached, and the response received was a strong willingness to help informally.
- **Yellow Report**
 - **Account Balances**
 - Checking Account: \$39,995
 - PayPal Account: \$8,002
 - Reserve Account: \$60,241
 - Dzamling Gar House Account: \$15,258
 - Vajra Hall: \$4,226
 - Khandrolling: \$3,422
 - Dzamling Gar House PayPal: \$384
 - Wiring funds: Treasurer had People's United Bank signatory form notarized and mailed on Monday, March 2, 2020. The bank should hopefully receive the form by the end of the week. Treasurer and Administrative Manager will finalize the dollar amounts to be wired to the IDC for 2019 memberships and to Dzamling Gar for Tsegyalgar House.

Dedication of Merits