



**TSEGYALGAR EAST GAKYIL MEETING Minutes**  
**Oct 13, 2021 5pm**

**Present:** Emily Luhrs, India Lehr-Farrier, Mark Alston-Follansbee, Al Daggett, John LaFrance, Wayne Bianucci, Bodhi Krause, Johanna Bennett

**Moderator:** Emily

**Minutes Taker:** Gakyil

**Guru Yoga**

**Approving previous Community General Assembly meeting minutes** - Minutes from Sept 12, 2021 unanimously approved. Uploaded to website and sent to members.

**Reports:Colors**

**Blue:**

- **Our capacity** - Blue is seeking help from Sangha members for the planning of events. Will respond to emails within a few days. This will be a change from how things have been operating, but Blue with help of volunteer Secretary, and web Admin will respond to communications within a reasonable time frame, but cannot respond immediately.
- **Planning upcoming Events** - Discussed possible events for Winter. TE member offered suggestions and help implementing new year's retreat (preparing for Losar), with Six Lokas practice and dance.
- Discussed practitioner led retreats- for example a Tara retreat in the Summer. Could bring people from all over. Emphasis on Khandroling Development.
- For future Zoom retreats- need Zoom hosts in order to schedule. Blue has limited availability with their work and school schedules.
- **School of Tibetan Medicine potential dates and scheduling summer retreats-** Received potential dates from STM. Discussed if there could be overlap with Sangha retreats.
- **Gonpa use in winter** - We'll plan to utilize the local Google Group to communicate with each other. The Gonpa is available for those who would like to use. Suggestions for winter retreats both in-person and on Zoom were suggested. We can try the calendar for people who want to practice alone so they know when there is free space.



- **Upgrading and simplifying our communications** - India and Emily plan to look into more efficient ways of communicating with the Sangha, with others' help. This will be overtime and is not an urgent need, but something to begin to think about.

**Red:**

- **Updates** - Last week David removed the window air conditioners and cleaned the windows. The Smoke Alarms were tested successfully and the Fire Extinguishers will be tested next week. David is coordinating with the Town of Conway for the annual Building Inspection
- **Geko /caretaker continued needs** David still hadn't received his payment for previously billed work.
- **Accommodations: capacity to maintain and upgrade our facilities**

**Yellow:**

- **Meriling update** -- Al and Mark met by zoom with Barbara G from the IDC Yellow regarding the history and needs of Meriling/Dzamlingar. While DZE says we do not have to be responsible for their tax penalty, Barbara encouraged us to continue to be supportive to the extent we are able. We expect to receive an invoice for about 1K\$ soon and they would allow us to pay the remainder of our share, about 12K\$ over the next few years. This is a one time situation from bad advice they received and, when this tax bill is paid, they anticipate being self-sufficient.
- **P&L** -- We expect to have a draft P&L for the first three quarters in the next week. Currently we are looking at a surplus but we are also working with our bookkeeper on how to manage 15K\$ in accounts receivable that have not been cleaned up for years.
- **End of Year Fundraising?** -- Our goal is to have a concrete picture of our finances to share with the community in our fall fundraising letter. We also have calligraphy of Rinpoche's and some precious statues we might offer at auction.
- **Easier way to make donations on website** -- Mark had a good conversation with Michael Katz about how successful Russians are raising money from Michael's classes. We plan on working with Dominik and Nancy and anyone else interested to find more direct ways to donate with a goal of raising more funds for TE.



- **Member agenda items if time** - Johanna shared ideas for possible summer and winter retreats. Including, pre-Losar retreat in Gonpa and practitioner-led Tara retreat at Khandroling in Summer. This could be a fundraiser for Khandroling Development, bringing in people who have been practicing Tara daily since March 2020.

**Scheduling upcoming meetings:**

**Next informal Gakyil Meeting: Wednesday Nov 3rd at 3:30pm**

**Community Meeting: Sunday Nov 14th, 5:30pm**

**Dedication of Merit**