

Gakyil Meeting Minutes

October 14, 2025

Present (online) : Gakyil members Gerard Miller, Katya Schmookler, Ellen Halbert; community members Martha Tack, Joe Nixdorf, Jacopo Surricchio, Naomi Zeitz, David Hayes.

Guru Yoga

Agenda:

1)Programming: Based on initial responses from Oliver Leick and Arnaud Coquillard, and in an effort to maximize attendance, it was decided to request the following retreats via Zoom:

- Arnaud to teach a three day retreat after Christmas, on his suggested topic of Being the Whole World, to refresh our non-dualistic view and maintain awareness of our condition, and including Lojong and Inner Rushen.
- Oliver to teach January 30-February 1 on The Three Paths of Liberation and Its Integration into Daily Life, or a similar topic that will be helpful for new members to prepare for Yeshe's retreat in February.
- Oleg Troyanovsky (an SMS teacher in NY), and Sebastien Remy for possible retreats later in the spring 2026. Katya will contact Oleg, and Naomi will contact Sebastien about Umdze training.
- For Rinpoche's birthday, a 3 day retreat playing recordings from our library of one of Rinpoche's retreats. Cindy will contact Marit about possible topic options. Katya will ask Phuntsog for her suggestions on activities, and Ellen will contact Mark about his ideas for the auction at the retreat's close.
- Naomi discussed Paula's efforts to bring Fabio to Tsegylgar in 2026 for a retreat on Longde. Paula will liaison with Fabio and Katya will keep in touch with Paula.

2)Kundrolling: Two Kundrolling members summarized the current status, including their approximately 20 paying members, no gakyil, and \$20-25,000 in an account to which they are working on access. They expressed desire to bring Yeshe to TE and NYC and willingness to collaborate to make this happen, including financial support.

3)Yellow gakyil update: Mark agreed to assist as needed with yellow tasks during Jerry's treatment for the next 6 weeks. Jerry expects to be able to attend Zoom meetings and monitor email.

4)Infrastructure and maintenance:

- Caretaker will be away in Florida for Thanksgiving. Ellen will see if the Rod can be at the schoolhouse by then.
- Security cameras were suggested for inside the schoolhouse to monitor people entering. Ellen will research cameras and send options to Cindy who will consult Phuntsog about her needs and preferences.
- Inspections: fire alarm inspection is scheduled for October 16 at noon. Fire extinguisher inspection and building inspection will be scheduled soon.
- Water will be shut off at Khandroling in November.
- No hunting signs have been purchased and installed on Khandroling with the help of two community members.
- Tech support: Ellen contacted current tech support people to find out their availability for training future volunteers and supporting future programs. Ellen will ask for additional tech support volunteers among the sangha, to be trained as needed.

Dedication of Merit