

Gakyil Meeting Minutes

6/24/25

Present (online):

Gakyil members Al Daggett, Marsha Ellison, Gerard Miller, Katya Schmookler, and Ellen Halbert

Community member David Leskowitz

Guru Yoga

Agenda:

- 1) Al and Gerry will arrange bank account changes to add Gerry and will update state of Massachusetts records to include new gakyil members as officers.
- 2) Auction during Michael's July retreat was discussed, especially the pros and cons of having an online component. In spite of significant registration of online participants it was decided not to include Zoom participants in the auction because of technical and logistical difficulties, and our inability to include international participants. • The need for a Zoom host as well as on site tech help for Michael's retreat was discussed and Ellen will continue to seek a Zoom host. David L and Ellen will seek clarification about the generator, speaker and microphone setup. • To generate local participation in BBQ and auction Katya will write an invitation to local sangha. • Ellen will ask Nancy to send a correction for previous auction invitation that included the wrong day.
- 3) Katya relayed question from Norbunet about possible retreat participation in spite of financial hardship. Yellow clarified that all members can participate and donate what and if or when they are able. Yellow emphasized that all registrants should be encouraged to donate now if able.
- 4) New gakyil members asked about email protocols, especially regarding sharing of emails with the entire gakyil. Sharing of communications with entire gakyil was encouraged to foster trust, clarity and efficiency within the gakyil. • Marsha will contact Nancy to ensure Katya is added to gakyil and local TE email lists.
- 5) Caretaker's truck repair needs were discussed, including whether the community can help pay repair costs since the truck is necessary for work. Yellow decided we can't afford to contribute now, but this fall, after retreat funds have come in, we can reassess.
- 6) Community members' fundraising ideas were discussed, including t-shirts and calendars that could be offered at all summer retreats. Yellow emphasized we do not sell items, but offer them for a suggested donation. For t-shirts a suggested donation of \$35 was agreed on, with 200 shirts to be printed. Ellen will follow up

with the members who offered the ideas. Gerry intends to begin serious fundraising effort soon, in July.

- 7) Lunch option details for Igor's retreat were discussed and agreed upon. Ellen will finalize the menu for each day and send a Google sheet with all info to Katya by the end of June. Katya will generate an order form to be sent to all retreat participants.

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