

Gakyil Meeting Minutes

8/19/25

Present (online):

Gakyil members Marsha Ellison, Gerard Miller, Katya Schmookler, Ellen Halbert
Community members Cindy Thiebeau, Martha Tack, Lauri Marder, Al Daggett

Guru Yoga

Agenda:

- 1) Discussion of Igor's retreat cost vs. income: based on income of nearly \$9000 from donations, and expenses of about \$2400, including \$1100 unreimbursed from Igor's plane ticket, \$1200 for caretaker's salary for the week, and around \$100 food and drinks, Jerry considers we had a net profit of about \$6000 for the retreat. Some disagreement was voiced about whether caretaker pay for the week should be considered a retreat expense, considering the caretaker would be paid in any case. It was mentioned that past retreats yielded significantly more in donations, however it was also noted that those retreats featured auctions.
- 2) The monetary amount for offerings to the teachers, (Igor, the 2 Vajra Dance teachers and 2 Yantra Yoga teachers), was decided and voted on after much discussion and debate. Based on IDC guidelines of 20 euros per hour it was agreed that each of the Vajra Dance teachers should receive \$210, the Yantra Yoga teachers \$245 each, and Igor \$400. Igor's donation was later increased to \$500 by agreement of all gakyil members. Jerry will work with Cindy to send Igor's donation by PayPal. Katya agreed to send an email to the retreat participants asking those who have not yet donated for the retreat to do so, and including a link for those who might wish to make a personal donation to Igor.
- 3) Yellow discussed the ongoing Matching Fund drive, with a goal of raising \$20,000 by September 1. So far only \$500 has been raised. The possibility of organizing an auction during the Dance Dance Dance retreat was discussed. It was decided to postpone the decision while looking for an available auctioneer and assessing the items on hand for possible auction.
- 4) Need for more precise understanding of the work done by the caretaker in each pay period was discussed. Jerry has developed a form for the caretaker to fill out to provide this information. He will email it to the other gakyil members for feedback.

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