

## **Red Gakyil Report**

September 21, 2025

### **Projects completed, underway, or planned**

#### **Khandroling**

- 1) A water collection system with two rain barrels has been added to the bath house to allow for watering plants around the stupa without drawing water from the tanks which have to be filled manually.
- 2) Water collection methods that don't require roof gutters are being explored for the Vajra Hall to provide additional water supply.
- 3) Tractor and Gator repairs are complete.
- 4) Planned purchase of portable toilets for cabins has been canceled because they would not be a significant improvement on the camping toilet we already have and don't warrant the added expense.
- 5) Mesh encasement has been installed at pond culvert to prevent debris and beaver dams from blocking flow.
- 6) Memorial Garden work is continuing.
- 7) Repair and deterrence of animal damage to structures has been undertaken and is ongoing.
- 8) Source of the leak in porch roof of farmhouse has been identified and will be addressed in the next few weeks.
- 9) Options and costs for finishing Vajra Hall ceiling, protecting the beams, and enclosing the structure to protect the mandala and floor sealant are being investigated and will be presented to the community when all information has been gathered.

#### **Schoolhouse**

- 1) Rotting door in gonpa has been removed, replaced with wall, and painted to match existing wall. Exterior siding, where the door was, will be finished next week. The remaining two gonpa doors also show rot and need to be replaced with new doors,
- 2) Foyer bathroom wall and window frame rot issue will be further assessed and addressed later this fall.

### **Projects needed, depending on funding and community priorities**

## **Khandroling**

- 1) Guardian cabin needs repair and repainting of steps, deck, and decorative woodwork around eaves.
- 2) Gravel roads leading up to pond and up to the two remote cabins needs continual repair, brush clearing, and maintenance.
- 3) Farmhouse porch and deck need repair, sanding and staining.
- 4) Ramp to Rinpoche's cabin needs repair. Steps and railing need re-staining.
- 5) Mandarava cabin interior needs repainting.
- 6) Vajra Dance Historic Landmark plaque and garden, at the site of Rinpoche's original dance mandala, should be installed in stages as funding becomes available.
- 7) A group of volunteers is needed to clean retreat cabins on a rotating basis. With enough volunteers, no one will have to do too much too often. The one person who has been doing this for years is retiring from the responsibility.

## **Schoolhouse**

- 1) Parking lot needs to be repaved. Kocot estimate from 2023 for full repaving was \$34,585, or spot repair for \$14,224. Subsequent deterioration likely makes spot repair unfeasible.
- 2) Building codes require wheelchair access ramp, which should be (re)designed in rear of building to main foyer area. Current ramp is unusable.
- 3) Dorm should be updated to make more comfortable, private spaces that will attract more use.
- 4) Front entrance double doors are very old and don't close tightly. Replacing them would save energy costs considerably.
- 5) Second floor door by fire escape needs to be replaced when funds are available. Estimated cost is \$3000 to \$3500, including installation.

## **Dark Retreat**

- 1) Plans to develop a dark retreat space are on hold. After more than a year of effort, exploring options and planning, no option had sufficient community support and/or funds were not available to proceed. Any future plans will require local leadership, community discussion and support.

