* Attendees: Phuntsog, Paola Zamperini, Jeff Krouk, Lauri Marder, Joe Zurylo, John LaFrance, Al Daggett, Vern Harrington, John Foster, Ed Hayes, Bret Bourman, Marit Cranmer, Janet Janka, Efrem Marder, Kathy McGrane, David Hayes, Tom Burton, Elisa Gonzalez, Harold Graves

***Guru Yoga, Song of the Vajra***

* John LaFrance appointed Moderator
* March 10, 2013 Minutes Approved
* Next Gakyil meeting May 5, 2013, Sunday @ 12:30 PM; *also* May 19th, Sunday @ 12:30 PM

**Staff Updates (3 minutes)**

* Secretary:
  + Membership Breakdown Given:
    - Total Membership as of April 14, 2013 is 259, (compared with 271 for April 20, 2012):

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| **Membership Type:** | **Meritorious** | **Sustaining** | **Ordinary** | **Reduced** | **Family** | **Total** |
| Total Membership YTD2012 | 4 | 35 | 133 | 99 | NA | **271** |
| **Total Membership YTD2013** | **5** | **18** | **162** | **71** | **3** | **259** |
| Total Income Amount Receivable YTD2012 | $9,000 | $26,250 | $31,920 | $11,880 | NA | **$79,050** |
| **Total Income Amount Receivable YTD2013** | **$12,750** | **$15,660** | **$42,380** | **$9,230** | **$1,125** | **$81,145** |

* Geko:
  + 24 Campers; 14 Dormitory Guests for Retreat so far
  + Discussion about Basement: mold, water hazards to mitigate before the retreat.
    - Air mattresses for the Basement: Geko to suggest purchases of mattresses & bedding to Yellow
  + Roofing Discussion: Steeplejack Proposal discussed. Should we follow up by getting other bids for roof work?
    - DECISION: Wait until after the retreat for roofing
    - DECISION: Landscaping Budget: $400 for schoolhouse
  + Farmhouse Discussion:
    - Nary suggested for Gardening;
    - Flags and decorations discussed: inquire with Marit about decorations in general. Ed to follow up
    - Screendoor to be installed on front door of farmhouse.
    - Nary’s departure from farmhouse set for May 15th
  + Geko intends to leave sometime after the retreat. An announcement for New Geko applicants to go out before the retreat.

**Whole Gakyil (minutes)**

1. Audio from Rinpoche: Dzamlingar Song
2. SSI Joint Meeting
   1. Welcome the SSI Board
   2. Phuntsog’s Proposal of Collaboration from SSI to tsegyalgar
      1. Attachment to Schoolhouse as an important location for Rinpoche’s presence here. Need for a clinical facility. Clinical training is essential for medical students to develop their practice. So the SSI Clinic is very important.
      2. Discussion of Fundraising, Capital Improvement Fund for realizing SSI’s plan for the Schoolhouse.
      3. If DCA agrees to let SSI use the space, it is proposed that the building be converted in stages beginning with the basement. DCA could continue to usethe Gonpa for Yoga, Ganapujas, other DCA community-related activities. So the Gonpa remains always available for use.

**Whole Gakyil (continued)**

* 1. Questions are raised about zoning and building codes. Can the schoolhouse practically be converted into a clinical space?
  2. Need to research and find out whether the conversion is possible.
  3. Phuntsog will be in Russia from end of May to end of August; is it possible to begin research now?
  4. Is it a good idea to collaborate in this way?
  5. A working group to be created to study the possibilities:
     1. Ed Hayes, Vern Harrington, John Foster from DCA; Phuntsog, Jeff Krouk and Patrick Dierking from SSI.
     2. A code search would have to be done; an elevator could be installed to improve accessibility. DCA likes the plan, we just need to perform the necessary due diligence / research to determine whether the plan is feasible.
  6. Decision: DCA will make a report to Phuntsog by May 29th.

1. Library Presentation and discussion by Marit Cranmer
   1. No funding, very little activity in the Library. Marit would like permission to access the entire contents of the library with a view to organizing, archiving & preserving ChNN’s teachings, books, etc.
   2. Marit has “adopted” the Library and the Guardian Cabin and suggests that others in the Community might think of "adopting" other structures in a similar fashion, renovating or improving them in accordance with Rinpoche’s instructions.
   3. APPROVE: Marit will make an assessment of the contents of the library, and a report will be made to DCA about its contents & preservation.

# Blue Gakyil (minutes)

1. Discussion of the Preliminary Retreat Schedule
   1. We should anticipate that ChNN may cancel some events from the schedule; “more important to have free time and to relax.”
   2. Reserve a portable propane heater for Rinpoche on the land (or purchase one).
   3. There’s a possibility for webcasting off of Khandroling with AT&T. Efrem is researching, to be followed up soon.
   4. Elio teaches on the land August 1 to 6th.
   5. Day 5 to be “Day on Khandroling” pending the webcast possibility.
2. \*\*\*Break\*\*\*
3. DECISION: a Bingo Night approved for May
4. Childcare Discussion:
   1. Miranda needs lead time to find child care providers, set up a schedule
   2. Yellow needs receipts for her expenses
   3. Small tent & picnic table for kids
   4. Childcare ONLY for ChNN’s talk

# Red Gakyil (minutes)

1. Tent 10’ x 40’ long, 9 ½ ‘ high, low branches need to be cut to accommodate it.
2. Vincent’s automobile donation: Table until June
3. Portable toilets
   1. 1 HC for Schoolhouse
   2. 1 HC on Khandroling
   3. 1 HC by the Pond
4. Sheehans give us the use of their land near Maple & Pleasant

# Red Gakyil (continued)

1. Transportation
   1. 1 Bus & 1 Van
      1. Bus is $350 / day : 1 day, 1 bus
      2. Van is $70 / day 6 days, 2 vans
2. Dormitory discussion:
   1. Marit to make curtains/bedspreads for dormitory
   2. APPROVES funding for Dorm Curtains and Bedspreads

# Yellow Gakyil (minutes)

1. Draft Operating Budget Discussion
   1. DCA is operating at a moderate deficit of $27,861 [15%]
      1. 15% Deficit is better than in previous years
   2. Khandroling Maintenance/Repairs: $21,000 allotted
   3. Khandroling Improvements: $60,000 in total matching funds
2. KPI update on tax options for Khandroling
   1. DCA to follow up with Will Flanders to discuss restructuring KPI
3. APPROVE: Work Exchange for Lailah Reiss
4. Discussion: having SSI Kunye Massage available at the Retreat
   1. APPROVE: having massage space set up in Phuntsog’s office.
5. Discussion about interviews with Rinpoche.
6. Auction/Lottery Discussion: Food & Beverage for Auction

# Executive Session (minutes)

1. Appoint Director - the gakyil voted unanimously to elect Vern Harrington as Director.
2. Secretary Compensation - the gakyil voted unanimously to increase the compensation of the Secretary by $1.00/hour to $13.75/hour for 30 hours/week.
3. Maintaining Gakyil Membership - The Yellow Gakyil reported that Tom Burton has agreed to end his stay at the Schoolhouse on June 30, 2013. The Yellow Gakyil also reached an agreement with Tom for a Work Exchange whereby his 2012 and 2013 membership fees and his rent for staying in the Schoolhouse would be offset by his working approximately half-time on maintenance projects in the Schoolhouse under the purview of the Geko.
4. Appoint Representatives to IGCC - The Gakyil agreed to the appointment of Vern Harrington and John LaFrance
5. Designate Membership Data Liaison for IG - The Gakyil agreed that the Secretary be designated as the Membership liaison to the IG.