* Attendees: Yuchen Namkhai, Anna Bartenstein, Ed Hayes, Vern Harrington, Al Daggett, John Foster, Nary Mitchell, Joe Zurylo, Harold Graves

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

***Note: this was a special Gakyil Meeting with Yuchen***

**Presentation by Yuchen and Discussion with Gakyil (minutes)**

1. Yuchen perceives that DCA is in a dire financial situation; even having a full compliment of classes, full schedules of events, etc., there will likely not be enough to sustain the community. She shares our concern about the financial health of the community. Historically Tsegyalgar has been dependent upon Rinpoche’s Retreats to bring in enough money to sustain the Gar through the coming year. Some other solution needs to be found. Long-range planning & practical steps need to be engaged in order to better secure the future of the Gar.
   1. It’s up to the students to continue the Community. Yuchen shares that her experience of Rinpoche’s Transmission is the same as everyone’s, she has received the same transmission.
2. Vern recently discussed finances with Jeff Krouk [SSI Board]
   1. Patrick Dierking doesn’t see how the schoolhouse can be sustained under SSI ownership.
   2. DCA can’t sustain SSI by itself, SSI has to generate its own income
   3. Phuntsog knows about the financial difficulty
   4. Discussion about the Chinese Medical Center in Virginia
      1. DCA doesn’t really know what Phuntsog’s connections are with other doctors in the Tibetan medical community
   5. Rinpoche’s vision for Shang Shung must be respected
3. Discussion about selling the schoolhouse: Schoolhouse Mortgage is $158,000 @ 5%
   1. The present Business Model DCA has been operating under is simply not going to be feasible any longer. We cannot depend on Rinpoche’s retreats for income.
      1. DCA has to raise $85 to $122k from fundraising this year to cover our expenses [this is in addition to funds received for memberships].
   2. Perhaps we should present an accurate picture of our present financial condition to Rinpoche and explain to him the unsustainability of the medical center, etc.
4. Discussion about possibly converting the Schoolhouse into a Condominium to lease out.
   1. Zoning is a question. Estimates?
5. It’s important to collaborate with Phuntsog
   1. At base we should provide a living space for Phuntsog
   2. Discussion of possible strategies for how to offer the Schoolhouse to Phuntsog/SSI
6. Yuchen places great emphasis on the pragmatic, human condition of the Community; it is not merely a Dharma Center but actual People with practical needs and concerns. This is important to bear in mind.
7. Review:
   1. DCA offers the Schoolhouse to SSI
      1. DCA to have Preliminary Meeting(s) with SSI Board to have a conversation about the matter, then make a Formal Offer
         1. If SSI cannot accept the offer, then DCA will have to sell the Schoolhouse
8. Discussion about Tenerife/Dzamlingar, DCA’s financial commitment there, etc.
9. Discussion of KPI Taxes
   1. Yellow and John Foster to meet with Will Flanders and Diane Sievers. Discussion about the Parameters & requirements for Tax Abatement.
10. Discussion about Barn Restoration; Kathy had been working on this in recent months.