



## Guruyoga

- Moderator: Diane Kramer
- Who is Present at the Meeting: Gakyil –Diane Kramer , Matt Hayat, Liz Wickhart, Dominik Niceva. Staff – Jeremy Keaton, Tim Fisher .Guest - Ed Matheny,
- Next Meeting: 2/19/17 at 9:00AM
- Approve Previous Meetings Minutes: Dominik has not read the minutes.

**ACTION ITEM:** Get approval or changes from Dominik on the Minutes from December

## Schoolhouse Roof Repair Grant Update with Ed Matheny:

- ✚ Marilyn MacArthur, a DCA Member who sits on the Conway Board, created a document laying out our options as far as the roof grant proposal goes. There are two options. One is to apply this year and another is to wait a year and apply in 2018 with a more stable connection to the town that will be made by more public activities. She also instructed us to keep the proposal simple and leave the lift and handicap accessible renovations out of it.
- ✚ The DCA will get a more complete estimate on the roof.
- ✚ The DCA has already put in a good deal of money into the attic (approx. \$25,000).

**ACTION ITEM:** Matt will speak to Marilyn about 2017 vs 2018 and will talk to Marilyn about connecting with the town about the preservation issue (using real slate vs. some other material).

**ACTION ITEM:** Jeremy will talk to second roofer for another estimate, from the town.

## Secretary

- ✚ Membership Report *28 Ordinary Members, 9 Global Sustaining Members and 2 Global Meritorious.*
- ✚ The DCA will announce that there are not 4 tiers of membership. The Gakyil needs to start the Membership campaign out anyway so people are updates.

**ACTION ITEM:** Diane and Dominik will get together a membership renewal email to send out.

## Report on Action Items from December (#'s Refer to Action Items on Previous Report)

- ✚ Call for Karma Yoga to help Jeremy. Blue already did it. No responses. Matt will follow up and send it out again.
- ✚ 3. Liz will check with Rinpoche about Lynn's SMS MP3s. DCA will not sell them as audio courses but she will redo the whole program again starting in September 2017 and do only one new recording for each section. And people will be able to participate live in the same way they did last time. Nancy Paris is organizing this.
- ✚ 5. Gakyil has heard from Igor and the time he was planning to come there is already a lot of events. The Gakyil are working with him now to see if he can come in September instead.

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- ✚ 6. Gakyil met with woman in the British community; Lynn communicated that Rinpoche said to SMS teachers to use their own judgement when offering teachings and to not go through asking him questions all the time.
- ✚ 7. Matt will contact James about redoing the dorms. Matt had an exchange with him. He made it clear that he is not an architect. No one responded so I'm not sure where to go with this. I think if the Gakyil has a plan or layout then it can be sent to James.

**ACTION ITEM:** Matt will resend Karma Yoga invitation.

- ✚ **Complete Strategic Plan** – It's been paired down to 10 or 12 slides; it will be finished this weekend and will be sent out and shown too. The presentations will begin as soon as possible. Dominik thinks it should be sent to Rinpoche ASAP.
- ✚ **Singapore** – used to have conflicting groups, Gakyil vs. community etc. When Rinpoche was in Singapore last year they fought in front of him. During Yangtig Retreat the Singapore community was there and people were fighting there and Rinpoche dissolved the ling because it is a cancer in the Community.
- ✚ **Digital Banners** – This will happen very soon (for World Wide Transmission) on the Tsegyalgar.org webpage. The Gakyil should contact Shambhala; Sharon is the point of contact, and see about Digital banners. A budget will be developed for this.

**ACTION ITEM:** Liz will ask IDC about publicly posting the World Wide Transmission explanation.

## Geko

- ✚ Geko needs more assistance around the Gar. Fortunately, Ellen Halbert is coming here for two weeks to help Geko at end of February.
- ✚ Lungta will be created soon.

## Schoolhouse Windows

- ✚ Jeremy will get an estimate.

## Nary's Room

- ✚ A little progress has been made; India came here and helped Jeremy. Tim helped a little bit. A lot of people have helped but it still needs to be cleaner. I need to fix the window on it and seal it. I cleaned out the heater and moved things away from the heater. The room is very cold. The vent is clogged with dust and now it's been cleaned and the temp has risen about 3 degrees.
- ✚ Sound-Proofing the room - Jeremy will get an estimate. Another option is sheetrock on top of the dry wall to help with insulation. That's what was done to the Geko room. If they put a layer over the plaster, such as a rigid foam board insulation covering with dry wall, that will help to insulate the sound.

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## Khandroling Cabins

- ✚ Not sure if Rinpoche's Cabin will be complete for the Summer when Laura comes. The remaining work will be finished in the summertime, most likely. The roof is done.

**ACTION ITEM:** Liz and Jeremy will coordinate and email about Losar schedule and activities.

## Whole Gakyil

- ✚ WWT Messages – Nancy will put a banner on the Tsegyalgar website.
- ✚ Problems in local community with no red Gakyil members: a couple of people wrote about that but the Gakyil have no solution. Until the Gakyil meets with Rinpoche then they have to function in the numbers that they have, they believe. Merigar once functioned with 3 Gakyil members. Also Cindy returned from Dzamlinggar and has offered to help with what needs to be done.

\*\*\*Liz Wickhart is officially giving her notice and is leaving the Gakyil in March. \*\*\*

- ✚ The Gakyil needs to streamline coordination so things get done more quickly. There needs to be people on location to help with physical activities.

**ACTION ITEM:** Blue will put a Banner on the Tsegyalgar website for the upcoming WWT.

## Blue Gakyil

### Summer Celebration

- ✚ Everything is in place.
- ✚ Sarale Lizdas (Retreat Coordinator) made a survey to ask about what practices they are interested in and to gauge participation. She also asked if the Gakyil can do preregistration again (\$50). It will be a little different than last time. They need Transmission and do not have to be a Member. Only paid members can use the facilities.

### Visiting Teachers

- ✚ In March Steve Landsberg is coming to teach, he will do a public part as well.
- ✚ Blue are in the final stages of confirming things with Prima Mai and Laura Evangelisti. The place they stayed before is \$75 a night. Here she will be here 20something days.
- ✚ Marilyn is offering accommodations.
- ✚ For International Courses the DCA needs to charge a fee to cover the costs.

## Yellow Gakyil

- ✚ This year the Gakyil are removing the free weeks of cabin usages with Membership.
- ✚ Yellow Gakyil will handle the accommodations for Tsegyalgar East.

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- In 2017, the Gakyil should organize it so that accommodations go to funding cabin repair. Diane is going to fuse the Khandroling and Vajra Hall bank accounts and use one of those accounts to hold the money from accommodations.

## Financial Report

- DCA are now official owners of Meriling Share in DzamlingGar.
- DCA went into January 2017 with \$50,000 left over. DCA will get through this year with the budget but not 2018 with the amount of money going in and out. DCA need to focus on sustainability and cutting the budget and increasing Membership. Once December figures are in from Ed Margola the budget for 2017 will be complete. It will be sent out to everyone at that point.
- Just to be aware, when the Gakyil are in DzamlingGar it will be hard to communicate. Liz will buy the internet for \$25/week. They go the February 24<sup>th</sup> through March 21<sup>st</sup>.

**ACTION ITEM:** Dominik and Jeremy will confer on accommodations prices and then software will be set up to handle registration. There is a separate bank account for properties.

**ACTION ITEM:** Jeremy and Tim will finish online fill form for accommodations.

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