



## **GuruYoga**

- Moderator is Liz Wickhart
- Approve Last Meeting's Minutes: Not Approved
- Next Meeting: 4/23/17
- In attendance: *Gakyil* – Liz Wickhart, Diane Kramer and Dominik Niceva. *Staff* – Jeremy Keaton and Tim Fisher.

**ACTION ITEM:** Approve January's Meeting Minutes

\*\*\*Matt Hayat gave his resignation to the Gakyil last week. \*\*\*

## **Secretary**

- ✚ Membership Report: Ordinary - 147, Global Sustaining - 23, Global Meritorious - 5. Total -175.

## **Geko**

### **Redoing Nary's Old Room**

- ✚ Estimate is \$3,300 for walls and ceiling. Not the floor. But it will include sealing the vent in the floor. The number includes putting insulation in once Geko and company demo the walls. The wall that faces the kitchen will get dry wall over it. Jeremy will remove the corkboard to make the wall flat for the dry wall. The other walls must be demoed because they're made of plaster and they're bulging.
- ✚ A fundraising package of things that need renovating in the Schoolhouse is suggested. This way the roof grant committee can see that DCA is taking care of everything else in the building.

### **Rinpoche's Cabin**

- ✚ The goal is to have the cabin ready for Laura this summer. That way DCA won't have to spend money and rent her a space. It may not be finished by that time. The roof just needs a cap on it and then the scaffolding has to be moved to the front of the building to do the siding. It's a lot of work to move the scaffolding so it doesn't make sense to take it down the mountain just to have to bring it back up. Will the cabin be livable for Laura? Not sure.

**ACTION ITEM:** Liz will talk to Cindy about Karma Yoga Day (Cindy had offered to do this before.)

**ACTION ITEM:** Jeremy will make a list of everything that is needed (Painting, walls etc.); this will include Rinpoche's Cabin. There will be a Schoolhouse and a Khandroling fundraising list for 2017.

## **WHOLE GAKYIL**

### **Alignment**

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- ✚ The Gakyil presented Rinpoche with financial reports and the 5-year Strategic Plan and letter. In that letter the Gakyil expressed the desire to align and they requested his blessing. The Gakyil has not yet heard from him so they want to ask him directly via the letter.

**ACTION ITEM:** Two letters need to go out, one to Rinpoche and one to the whole IG.

## Strategic Plan Update

- ✚ There were 4 meetings that were positive and productive. Next there will be a call for two or three more meetings to wrap this up and move to a second phase.
- ✚ The DCA General Assembly should be done in May because April seems too soon to Dominik. May 20<sup>th</sup> or 21<sup>st</sup> – Tentative General Assembly Date.

**ACTION ITEM:** The current Gakyil will write a thank you to all those who have served on the Gakyil and write who has remained and encourage people to come onto the next Gakyil.

## Fundraising for the Schoolhouse Roof

- ✚ Perhaps DCA can use Kickstarter or something else to raise money for all things including the roof and then the Gar will be prepared to accept the Grant from the Town of Conway.

## DzamlingGar House Update

- ✚ Usage of TE House during the summertime will be less. When Rinpoche leaves, the Gar empties.
- ✚ TE has received a \$1,300 bill for utilities at TE house since October. That's 5 months total. All of these funds are to come from the DZ House rental income.
- ✚ DzamlingGar is opening two accounts, one to pay the debt of the house construction and another to pay utilities. TE will receive bills quarterly or twice per year, one for the utilities and one for the debt. This is not included in the TE budget. TE already spent over \$6,000 for the TE House furnishings. Since January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017 TE is putting money towards rentals.
- ✚ TE and other Gars borrowed money from the DZ Gonpa funds to build the houses. The houses are now complete and so now we start to return the funds to pay off the loan. This will take approximately 10 years after the completion of this year. The debt is split with TW so TE technically owes half of the \$160,000 Euros. All the income goes to one place, though; it's not a divided house. The payment of the debt is from the Tsegyalgar House rentals; not the Gars.
- ✚ There are SMS retreats now so there are rentals through April. The Gakyil is trying to resolve how to keep the house occupied and generate income when there is no retreat.
- ✚ Every Gar was requested to sign a contract for 5 years for the houses. Dominik signed the contract on behalf of Tsegyalgar. This says TE has houses to use in no exchange for money. This is a legal document that the IDC needed; Spain is very bureaucratic. Dominik will send to Tim to keep in TE document archives.

**ACTION ITEM:** Answer Paula and Jacqueline and whoever else's questions about the DzamlingGar house.

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## General Assembly Agenda Discussion Topics

- ✚ Alignment.
- ✚ New Gakyil Election.
- ✚ Programming.
- ✚ Budget; the Community needs to vote on it
- ✚ Strategic Plan; Vote on Strategic Plan?
- ✚ Self-Sustainability
  - Should there be a mediator? Liz would like one. It will be looked into.

## BLUE GAKYIL

### Standardizing Announcements with Email Template Graphics

- ✚ The Blues of TE will develop announcement templates for courses and ordinary announcements, and the images can be interchanged. There will also be Facebook Ads for announcing the World Wide Transmission and the WWT Explanation.

### Blue Gakyil Assistance

- ✚ Steve Landsberg needs a train ticket and arrangements for him to be picked up.

**ACTION ITEM:** Tim will buy Steve's train ticket.

### Preparing for International Teachers

- ✚ International Teachers will arrive in July. Prima Mai stays through 17<sup>th</sup> of August. Laura comes right after the Summer Celebration. There are lots of workshops coming up and our schedule will be heating up so to speak. Khandroling has a lot going on.
- ✚ There are good people organizing for different teachers. Curzio is Project Manager (PM) organizing Laura and Ed Hayes is organizing (PM) for Prima Mai. It's going to impact Khandroling and the water and people who are coming to stay. That will affect Jeremy. People will be coming and going. Diane put \$20,000 in budget for International Teachers. Sarale is project manager for Summer Celebration. All details from arrival to departure will need to be planned.

### Call for New Gakyil Members

- ✚ The current Gakyil's term ends in August. The Gakyil shouldn't wait until last minute to make the call for new Gakyil Members. This way there will be a lot of diversity of people who are interested. One thing to do is utilizing our friends of Blue, Yellow, and Red. Perhaps new people could transition in while the old Gakyil is still here.
- ✚ What about the people who were elected in August 2016? Jacqueline Gens most likely is busy. The Gakyil will reach out to Miranda Shannon, Nancy Paris, and Al Daggett though.
- ✚ There needs to be a short letter to the community and Liz would like help summarizing what's in there. This letter is to everybody to answer any questions and to summon new Gakyil Members.

## RED GAKYIL

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## Summer Celebration Planning

- ✚ Next month the Gakyil should have Sarale join the meeting so she can give us an update.

**ACTION ITEM:** Invite Sarale and maybe Ed Hayes and Curzio to Gakyil meeting.

- ✚ Water is still an issue. Khandroling is still technically in a drought; it's a moderate level at this point. But it will continue which is an issue for us. The Farmhouse could run out of water also. If water runs out it will be transported to Khandroling. The new road makes this an easier process.
- ✚ There may also be another spring to tap into. Jeremy will investigate.
- ✚ Liz suggests charging for water and then using the money for cabins. The Gakyil will also emphasize that people need to bring their own water to Khandroling.
- ✚ Is the planning for the Summer Celebration all in place? Discuss at next meeting.

## Schoolhouse Grant Update

- ✚ Review for Grant was submitted and approved – 4 out of 5 members of the town committee of Conway voted in favor of TE receiving the Grant for \$60,000. It still has to go through a second phase/vote. This will happen in May; it will go before the historic committee.
- ✚ It would be a metal roof for cost effectiveness. Jeremy will talk with company about getting new estimates for the town. Jeremy will update Ed Methany and Matt Hayat with any new information that comes through.

## YELLOW GAKYIL

### Financial Review

- ✚ SSI has only paid for 1 month of rent this year. In DzamlingGar it makes sense that everyone who uses the space should pay equally into the space that they use. Diane will write something up for Dominik to review and send to SSI and ask about contributing to the Schoolhouse utilities.
- ✚ DCA burned \$13,000 in January. The deficit will continue to grow throughout the year. There needs to be a fundraising plan. Al Daggett says he will help and call people directly.
- ✚ A contingency plan is required in case the funds become dried up. The Gakyil will discuss fundraising first and then bring the whole issue to Friends of Yellow. They will take ownership with fundraising and ideas.

### Joan Casey Estate Update

- ✚ DCA just received new documents. DCA gets 2% of 67% of a property in California. This will be about \$16/17,000. The total amount that DCA will receive is about \$68,000.

### Calendar

- ✚ Tashi MannoX Event and others need to be added to the calendar on the Tsegyalgar website.
  - Once SSI has it listed then TE can put something up on our website.

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