



Guruyoga

- Moderator: Liz Wickhart
- Approve Previous Minutes: Put off approving minutes from last time.
- Schedule Next Meeting: 5/20/17?
- In attendance: Gakyil – Liz Wickhart, Diane Kramer and Dominik Niceva. Staff- Jeremy Keaton and Tim Fisher. Guests – Adriane Boscardin and Sarale Lizdas.

ACTION ITEM: Approve the previous meetings minutes

Staff

Secretary

- ✚ Membership Report – Ordinary: 167, Global Sustaining: 26, Global Meritorious: 5 Total: 187
- ✚ Kundrolling needs to contribute 15% to the IG. Kundrolling was going to close the Ling because they couldn't afford to pay but TE let them forego their payment to TE in order to stay open but they still owe the IG.

ACTION ITEM: Kundrolling needs to pay IG (but send to TE) 15% of their income to pay for their share.

ACTION ITEM: Make a list from 2016 and 2017 Welcome Members. Do this for GA meeting.

GEKO

- ✚ Khandroling Karma yoga day is worked out. We don't need to discuss.

Schoolhouse Roof

- ✚ Vanguard Roofing and Jeremy met this past week and Jeremy gave him the tax exempt form and the guy will provide us a report before the annual Town of Conway meeting on May 8, 2017. They sent us the agenda. The schoolhouse roof will be at the end of the meeting.
- ✚ What color? Probably grey or white. It's good to have a light color to reflect the heat.
- ✚ Vern is concerned about the grant because the church in town who previously received a similar grant is in a legal battle. Reason being, the Town of Conway gets put on the deed to the building that they provide funds to. We would only have a 5 year improvement contact to deal with the town but still its 5 years.
 - If we decide to sell and they don't like who we are selling to than they get first right of refusal and if we do sell then we pay back the grant money to the town. But, if we transfer it to someone they like, such as SSI, then they will not ask for the money back.
 - Jeremy has the copies of papers from Caroline that explains all of this. Caroline said the Gakyil approved all of it. Yellow thinks we should go forward as long as restrictions aren't too hard.

ACTION ITEM: Review the grant rules and regulations and decide how to proceed.

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Schoolhouse Parking Lot

- ✚ There are big holes as you enter it. Geko will try to talk to someone in the town and see if they will help us to fix it. Diane thinks we should get estimates and find out.

Call for Geko Assistant

- ✚ Sundays are the best day for everyone to get to Khandroling and to work with Joe and co. etc.
- ✚ Jeremy will work on a description for Geko Assistant. We are offering a free room and courses, not money. Yellow approves a food stipend for whoever volunteers to help Jeremy. Jeremy will alert Sandy King that there is a stipend available.
 - Sandy is still undecided and there is someone from Hungary that wants to come for a couple of months to help.

Accommodations

- ✚ There is a Google Form that can be used. And then there is a spreadsheet that holds all of the data. So far, the Google Form works well and it works better than a PDF that people fill out. It seems to be more practical. We still don't have the software which is more complex but the Google Form seems like the best idea. Cindy will work with Jeremy.

ACTION ITEM: Dominik has created a Google Form with prices and she will send this out to everyone

WHOLE GAKYIL

Alignment

- ✚ The Gakyil doesn't have any direct communication in writing from the IG about going ahead and doing this. There is a conversation with Liz, Matt and Libor hat confirms this and so Liz will ask him to confirm so that we can move forward. Mark Farrington will be included in this email. Mark is now our supervisor for the alignment.
- ✚ TE was mentioned as ready to align in the IG General Assembly meeting.
- ✚ TE will own a part of the land in TW. TE will be timeshare holders like with DZ. There are two global projects: DZ Gonpa and the other one TW retreat land. Nothing has been asked of TE but this is a plan for the future.

Strategic Plan

- ✚ One-three meetings this week. A vote is considered to be sent out regarding the strategic plan. 1st phase: simple recap. Next, a vote on how phase 2 will happen. Yellow will work on this.

General Assembly

- ✚ The Gakyil will set up and complete the agenda for the meeting by email.
- ✚ The platform for this will need to be interactive with people from a distance. Skype is one option. We can have a go to meeting open. People can email questions. IG did it this way; they

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have an email and Skype and people can send questions. Liz will be on the call and could answer the emails. Questions can be sent in advance also that way we can have time to prepare.

- ✚ There will be a call for new Gakyil members and a discussion about future budget and strategy.
- ✚ Is the GA the same day as the next Gakyil meeting? Yes. 5/21/17.

BLUE GAKYIL

Fall Programming

- ✚ After the summer retreat, the Gakyil will have a meeting and decide the fall programming and implement it. There is a lot of interest in SMS but there is difficulty organizing the SMS teachers. Email brainstorming will be done for this. It will be good to get the programming through 2017 in place for the new Gakyil. Thankfully, Lynn Newdome will do an SMS Base program in the fall.
- ✚ We can engage Steve Landsberg again. He requires 8 people minimum for workshops. We can ask Michael Katz. Miranda Shannon would like to help set this up.

International Teachers

- ✚ Two teachers coming: Prima Mai and Laura Evangelisti. Blue needs help with pricing retreats. International teachers have a fixed price for the day. \$125/day? Something around that. International teachers cost around \$5,000 once a retreat is all said and done, maybe more. Prima is teaching for a while. We are seeing if she can stay in the Buckland Woods.
- ✚ Blue just learned that supervision courses are open to the public or beginners. The people being supervised, according to Naomi Zeitz, do not pay. The people attending pay for the course. Blue wants to write a newsletter breaking down the courses and who it's available to in terms of beginners or advanced etc. Laura will supervise 6 or 7 people and Prima will supervise 3 or 4.

ACTION ITEM: Ask IG for standardized pricing for international teachers. The Gakyil is thinking \$210 USD for 5 day retreats

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Summer Celebration Update with Retreat Coordinator Sarale Lizadas

- ✚ The schedule for the Summer Celebration is coming along but not complete. Volunteers will be recruited to help set up. The final day is organized to be one practice session and then karma yoga for the rest of the day to set up for Laura's retreat which starts the next day. Also we will have a potluck celebration and hang out on the land.
- ✚ Sarale has been coordinating with the Teachers. The next task to complete is to set up and organize the lunch payments. As with last year, Hearty Eats will be offered. An announcement for ordering the food needs to be sent out. This will be announced with the schedule. The cut off for ordering food would be one month before that; so that's a mid-June deadline.
- ✚ Organizing a Welcoming Event for new Members is in the works. Tim can write to them and encourage them to come. Some feedback is to have more explanations of the practices on sight.

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This would be good during the beginning of the retreat. Perhaps there can be a lunch where they all get together and there is a presentation and then they can do a Q&A for each practice that we are doing.

- If new members come they can be connected with a senior practitioner if they don't want a huge group discussion. This could include getting private tours of the land.

ACTION ITEM: Call-Out for guides for Summer Celebration. Send out emails to WC holders and those who have come to WWT's.

- ✚ Diane and Tim will do the auction. John LaFrance and others can help if necessary.
- ✚ We could also have evening presentations of Rinpoche's retreats from the archives.
 - The old footage from SSI might be a good draw for people to come and see archived videos. There are videos of singing and dancing down by the pond that will work.

ACTION ITEM: Liz will write to SSI and see if they can provide archive materials; perhaps teachings from the early 90's.

- ✚ There are lots of people from different states who come to the Summer Celebration. It would be a nice time to talk about the strategic plan with people who live far away from the Gar. This can occur during the community meetings.
- ✚ Any additional ideas for how to raise money? Michael Katz did the Rinpoche photo auction last year that brought in a lot of money. Jeremy has an idea of selling photos of Khandroling. We can do a raffle for a week in DZ or something like that also.
- ✚ There are 12 people preregistered at this point. There need to be more notices sent out. Even with low numbers we should keep it going but we wouldn't spend the same money in expenses. Even if there are 20 people we can still do it and have a wonderful week.
 - If there are less than 30 lunch orders then people will be told to bring their own lunches.

Visiting International Teachers Update from Adriane Boscardin

- ✚ Adriane Boscardin, Naomi Zeitz, Curzio Aloisi and Paula Barry are coordinating Laura Evangelisti. Ed Hayes is coordinating for Prima Mai. Teacher care has been discussed. There will need to be yoga mats, pillows and water up at the Vajra Hall. It's pretty basic.
- ✚ Laura will mostly stay in Rinpoche's Cabin but there is a night or two in NY. Kunsangar and Merigar are purchasing transportation tickets and then DCA will reimburse them. DCA reimburses Kunsangar for Laura and Merigar for Prima.
- ✚ Laura wants to stay on the land for retreat. When she arrives she'll stay one night in NY and when she leaves also. When she arrives she will stay with Curzio or someone else. Does she need car, rental, phone, grocery etc? We need to think about her needs when she's on the land. Laura is gluten free. All receipts will be collected and given to Tim. A good excel sheet will be helpful to know who is in charge of what task.

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Financial Items

- ✚ If no fundraising occurs than there will only be about \$15,000 going into 2018. We have \$4,400 in DZ account that will go toward loans and expenses. Diane would like to see a bill for expenses. Kyu (DZ TE House Geko) used the DZ money to pay the expenses. The next bill will come in September for February-September. DCA has \$16,000 from Joan Casey and \$20,000 in Money Market. The Khandroling account has about \$10,000.
- ✚ DCA is spending too much for bookkeeping, accounting and data entry. Yellow thinks it could be reduced by about \$8,000 per year. DCA pays for about \$20,000 in repairs each year. Perhaps this can be cut in half and then Yellow can fundraise for the rest of the ongoing repairs.

Social Media

- ✚ Miranda Shannon would like to forward a letter on Facebook to some of other IDC groups to join our community group. It's an open invitation to come join the page if you are a member or are interested in Rinpoche's teaching. The goal is to create more community and interest. It's good to share this information. People won't be posting restricted material. There is a clause that says if one doesn't have Transmission then one can still be directed toward the opportunity to get Transmission or attend a meeting.

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