



# Tsegyalgar East Gakyil Minutes

Sunday, May 21 2017 at 9:00AM

## Guruyoga

- Approve Previous Meetings Minutes: Postpone
- Appoint a Moderator - Dominik
- Next Meeting: June 24 4:00PM GA Meeting and then Puja/Lunch
- In attendance: Gakyil- Liz Wickhart, Dominik Niceva and Diane Kramer. Staff – Jeremy Keaton and Tim Fisher

**ACTION ITEM:** Revise minutes

## Staff

### Secretary

- ✚ Membership Report: Global Meritorious – 5, Global Sustaining – 28, Ordinary – 181, Total – 214.

**ACTION ITEM:** Tim will communicate with Kundrolling to get 15% share of Membership income for IDC.

**ACTION ITEM:** Call-Out for Auction Items, Tim will do this.

## Geko

### Landscaping Around Schoolhouse

- ✚ Miranda Shannon and Amanda Pollock are trying to take care of the Schoolhouse yard for the Conway parade that is coming up during the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of June.
- ✚ Marit Cranmer donated \$100 to buy flowers. Also Gakyil approved \$500 for decorating the outside of Tsegyalgar. Fabio Dallorto is donating mulch also.

### Electric Range Oven

- ✚ The kitchen in the Schoolhouse has two ovens. One of them has had problems for the last year. Two community members and a professional have fixed it and it still doesn't work. We need a new one. Yellow approves \$400 budget.

**ACTION ITEM:** Geko to find and purchase new oven.

### Parking Lot Budget

- ✚ We could use TRG rock gravel to even out the entryway to the parking lot. Diane thinks we should spend the money and redo the whole parking lot and driveway. The back driveway is a bigger issue because we need to add drainage.
  - Approx. 3,000 to repair the entrance. It might need to all be repaired at once, entrance and parking lot. Jeremy will work on estimates. Jeremy will go to Bakers and try to negotiate with head of highway department or Helen Baker to see if the Town of Conway will help and support this project. Jeremy will call Kocot & Sons for estimates.

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**ACTION ITEM:** Jeremy to follow up with more information and an estimate about the driveway.

## Whole Gakyil

### General Assembly

- ✚ Strategic plan, alignment and budget will be presented for approval. Blue has the agenda for the meeting.
- ✚ Should we present new Gakyil applications?
  - Ed Methaney and Al Dagget have applied for Yellow. Miranda Shannon and Nancy Paris have applied for Blue. Blue will be making some recruiting phone calls. The new Gakyil will be the first to operate in a fully aligned Tsegyalgar.
  - Gakyil will invite applicants to become friends of color for the time being until alignment is complete and then the election will be held.

**ACTION ITEM:** Blue to send letter of invitation to applicants.

### Strategic Plan

- ✚ Ed Methaney and Al Daggett can be made the team leaders for fundraising \so that we can bring some energy to fundraising. Diane will communicate this.

### IDC Alignment Progress Update

- ✚ Karen Prestwood and Dominik met with Mark Farrington. Monday they sent an updated version that Mark requested. Before there were 8 existing bylaws and now there are 12 more. That document has one last revision. It is 95% ready. It's expected to be done this August but it's unclear how long the IRS will take. There is one revision pending before it gets sent to the IRS. It's not obligatory to get IRS approval but we will see about that. This week it will be sent

## Blue Gakyil

### Update on Prima Mai's Visit

- ✚ Prima has been very sick. She is changing the proposed schedule. Traveling will be hard for her but she thinks that by August she will feel better and she will get back to us in the next few days. In the next week or so we will know the final dates.

### Update on Summer Events

- ✚ Blue will check in with Naomi Zeitz and Laura Evangelisti about Yantra Yoga.
- ✚ The Gakyil will be putting out more announcements on Norbunet and Facebook.
- ✚ Sarale Lizadas and Liz will check in about ordering food for the Summer Celebration. If there isn't a critical mass of food then there won't be food from Hearty Eats.

## Red Gakyil

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## Rinpoche's Cabin

- ✚ Laura Evangelisti wants to stay there but it may not be ready so the Mandarava cabin is hers. Jeremy has had trouble organizing the volunteers to do any work so nothing has happened.

## Yellow Gakyil

### Financial Update

- ✚ Good news is that our money is at \$66,000. We have to send \$10,000 to IG today for our 15% to the IDC from the first quarter of 2017. Everyone has been really good on the budget.
- ✚ Membership has increased instead of dropping!

### Savings from KPI

- ✚ Diane Sievers found a cheaper KPI board insurance. Diane Sievers and Paula Gould found a policy that was half the price for KPI board insurance. The entire cost of KPI is now down from \$16,500 to approximately \$13,000.

### DCA is no longer getting \$1,500 Rent from SSI

- ✚ Will Shea (SSI Board Treasurer) says SSI can pay \$500/month. The reason is that Kunye license has not been approved and they were planning to emphasize this program for income. Maybe DCA will have a board meeting with them. How else can SSI generate income?
- ✚ SSI should have more programs and maybe DCA can assist in incorporating SSI into the DCA programming to help them out.
- ✚ Yellow proposes a TGE/SSI joint Board Meeting on Saturday, June 24, at 10:00AM. There is a lot to discuss with moving forward. Discuss immediate financial problems etc.

**ACTION ITEM:** Arrange a meeting with SSI Board to discuss payments and budgets.

### Accounting & Bookkeeping Budget

- ✚ Ed Margola is ducking Diane's email. John Shannon's job takes a long time to prepare reports to figure out how to manage the funds. We can try to find another option but it might not save a lot of money. Maybe Ed Mathaney will have some ideas regarding this for the future.

### Personnel

- ✚ Sandy King is still looking for a job so that she could come here. There's another woman from Hungary, named Fanny, who would like to come here during the Vajra Dance events

**ACTION ITEM:** No Ganapuja wine is put out for General Assembly, it will be out after it's over.

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