



Tsegyalgar East Gakyil Minutes

Sunday, August 13 2017 at 9:00AM

Guruyoga, Song of the Vajra

- Appoint a Moderator: liz
- Approve Previous Meeting Minutes: No official minutes from the Summer Celebration Community Meetings; Nancy Paris has notes that can be minutes.
- Schedule Next Meeting: September 17, Sunday, 9:00AM
- In Attendance: Gakyil – Liz Wickhart, Dominik Niceva, and Diane Kramer. Prospective Gakyil – Miranda Shannon and Ed Methany. Staff – Jeremy Keaton and Tim Fisher.

STAFF

Geko

- ✚ Requests for a new Geko will be sent out soon. The Gakyil has decided to begin with \$750 stipend and then do a 3-month review. It will be a one year position with a possibility to extend up to 3 years but that person will have to reapply each year. Same for the secretary position.
- ✚ The Gakyil's intention was not to pay for car expenses. They will reimburse for gas and receipts are required. Gakyil doesn't want to calculate mileage because the DCA is not a corporation.

ACTION ITEM: Gakyil to send out a request for new Geko.

Secretary

- ✚ Membership Report – 6 Global Meritorious, 26 Global Sustaining, 201 Ordinary, Total: 236.

WHOLE GAKYIL

IDC Alignment

- ✚ DCA is at the point where David (attorney) and Mark Farrington have approved the documents. First we are going to upload the documents for members to read. Only paid Members of Tsegyalgar East can read. Then, the Community is going to vote.
- ✚ The voting system: The vote will be at an upcoming Ganapuja because there are around 30-40 people there. There has to be 70% agreement to pass (That is currently 166 of our Members). Members can who cannot be physically present can appoint a local proxy for themselves. Proxy's can deliver up to 9 votes. The final day to vote will be October 27th; it's a Ganapuja day. Oliver Leick will be here. DCA will webcast the Ganapuja with a ticker tape that says 'stay tuned for Community Vote after Ganapuja.'
- ✚ All 236 members have to vote. The Secretary will have to track certain people who have not submitted a vote.
- ✚ The current Gakyil has to sign a protocol with the IDC on alignment. This protocol is not only signed by the current Gakyil but also by every coming Gakyil. Every Gakyil will re-sign the agreement with the IDC. In order to change the bylaws, a Gakyil will have to go through the same process that this Gakyil went through. There are more paragraphs in the bylaws than there were in the 80's and our principles have changed and so the bylaws are slightly different.

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Gakyil Transition

- ✚ Our new official Secretary of the Gakyil will be Dominik.
- ✚ Next phase is another call for Gakyil candidates. Maybe Yulia from Canada will join Blue Gakyil.
- ✚ An announcement that includes a Membership drive, letting everyone know that they need to be a member to vote will be sent out.. Tsegyalgar East can webcast it and Members can vote.
- ✚ For future Blue: this Gakyil committed to scheduling 4 community meetings a year. It depends on the circumstances if subsequent Gakyil's feels that it's necessary or not. By IDC standards, we need at least one General Assembly per year. Massachusetts also requires that there is a minimum of one. 1-2 per year is good. At least one is required to shift the admin positions.
- ✚ IG asks distant Gakyil Members to come to the Gar 4 times per year. Emails create much confusion but in person collaboration is much easier. Nothing replaces a person's presence.

ACTION ITEM: Gakyil to send out Membership drive email that includes sending out a call for new Gakyil candidates.

BLUE GAKYIL

Programming

- ✚ Miranda Shannon and Nancy Paris are doing lots of work. They spoke to teachers and local practitioners and people at the Summer Celebration about preferences for programming in the upcoming year. They took those notes and met with Liz. Blue is working to integrate the ideas into the calendar.
- ✚ Lynn Newdome is creating a new SMS Base course.
- ✚ DCA/SSI should have 3 open houses a year, at least 2, seasonally. ASIA should be involved too.
- ✚ Monday, Ed and Sarale are giving public talks for their Teacher Training for the Vajra Dance. There will be accessible language used to describe the Dance. This will be recorded and given to Blue Gakyil. Nancy will be there for the course and so maybe she can record this.

Webcasting

- ✚ The Webcast software has been updated and it's pretty simple. Basically anyone can do it. There will be a troubleshooting page created to help people walk themselves through the process.
- ✚ Right now 4 people know how to do it. We are thinking of having the Shannons learn how to do it. Dominik and Miranda can meet at the schoolhouse and Dominik will teach her.
- ✚ There will be a donation page created for the webcast to fund running the server.

ACTION ITEM: Create troubleshooting page for Webcast software.

ACTION ITEM: Create a Donation page to help fund the Webcasts.

RED GAKYIL

- ✚ Rinpoche's cabin needs to be completed before winter season. That is the goal.

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- ✚ The Gakyil will be working on cleaning up the dorms and clutter in the schoolhouse.

Schoolhouse Roof

- ✚ Caroline forwarded an email from the Historical Commission which included a model agreement of what provisions this should include. As Ed Methany understands it, the main reservation that's been expressed locally is based on the experience of the UCC which got damaged and ran into problems with the town when trying to repair it.
- ✚ The Gakyil is waiting on whatever the town will draft as an agreement. Anything that comes from the town should go to the Gakyil at this point, not to Caroline.
- ✚ Work on the roof should occur before the winter. Ed thinks it's important that the community is okay with the agreement, though. Anyone that's expressed a concern about the restrictions should be put at ease. DCA does not necessarily need a lawyer. It's a matter of whether or not we have a consensus going forward about the agreement. Community Members who are lawyers will be consulted: Diane Sievers, Ed Methany, and Fred Klarer.
- ✚ The outside of the Schoolhouse has to preserve the historical features that make it of value. The agreement will pass to any future owners as well.
- ✚ \$10-12,000 more dollars to put snow guards on new schoolhouse roof. Entire project will take 2 weeks or so

YELLOW GAKYIL

Financial Picture

- ✚ Fundraising is keeping the bank balance stable for now. There's \$54,000 in operating monies. In the last month or two this has stabilized. We have to see if we can keep the donations coming in. If no donations come in then the reserves dip about 6-7,000/month..
- ✚ Ed and Miranda wrote up a fundraising email to reach our goal of \$100,000.

ACTION ITEM: Diane will send out a quarterly.

ACTION ITEM: The Gakyil needs to approve Ed and Miranda's fundraising email.

"Team 3 Plan" – Membership Development

- ✚ Miranda Nancy and Diane got together and came up with an overall plan for a funnel to attract new members.
- ✚ The main funnel is the World Wide Transmission. This draws a lot of attention to the Gar.
- ✚ Notices will be sent out to those who have inquired about the WWT. Then people who sign up get 2 explanations, one before and one after the Transmission. DCA should be keeping a Google Calendar and of what needs to be sent out about the WWT and also upload all documents and announcements to Basecamp.
- ✚ Lynn has connected with Libor to find other WWT explanations that are happening around the globe.

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ACTION ITEM: Update Google Calendar with WWT preparations

“Team 1 Plan”- Visibility

- ✚ The first objective is to increase our visibility. There are publications from SSI that we can use. We have to post specific things, not just anything. We usually check with practitioners and teachers on the content. SSI is writing and DCA will use it, especially for public things.
- ✚ Oliver Leick will be consulted on this matter when he comes and visits at the end of the month. He will create the language for Membership outreach. We can use Mirror articles. Gakyil has a meeting with Oliver Leick on September 3.
- ✚ Vajra Dance and Yantra Yoga teachers are meeting with senior teachers to develop public information. There's a collaborative effort to create information to provide to the general public.
- ✚ People will be working to figure out the best place to leave these information bits.

Tsegyalgar East Becoming the Center for International Vajra Dance.

- ✚ The Gakyil should start up this discussion. How to build the VD in American; then present to Rinpoche. Rinpoche has to approve this himself. The Gakyil will also ask for Prima Mai's input.
- ✚ Tsegyalgar East could develop mandalas in every major city in the country. Developing Khandroling further is another option. We can also talk with Adriana. The local teachers should be involved in this discussion as well. Ed Hayes, Carisa O'Kelly, Bodhi Krause etc.
- ✚ Ways to develop Vajra Dance in the U.S. – Use both the Solar Mandala and the Universal Mandala. A fund is proposed for Vajra Dance teachers so they can more easily travel. Perhaps there could be a Vajra Dance magazine. There could also be ads related to this. TE needs to build and get to the point of being the true center of the Vajra Dance for this to work.

PROPOSAL: Create a Vajra Dance Teacher Travelling Fund

