

Community Meeting, Tsegyalgar Nov. 10, 2024 1PM

Gakyil Present online: Ellen Halbert, Al Daggett, Marsha Ellison, Martha Tack.

Members present online: Cindy Thibeau (secretary), Vern Harrington, Gerry Steinberg, John and Janet LaFrance, Joe Nixdorf, Stephen Gould, Jamie Peters, Larry Howe, Lynn Newdome, Robyn Kinsey, David Leskowitz, Emily Luhrs, Tashi Kaiser, Bob Kragen.

Members present in person in Gonpa: Dominik Niceva, Naomi Zeitz, Will Shea, Helena Bankovic, Efrem Marder, Marit Cranmer, Paula Barry, Jim Smith, Kathleen Fekete, Lauri Marder.

Guru Yoga

Agenda:

1)Blue Report (Marsha Ellison). Full report online

Highlights of recent programming were Umdze training with Sebastien Remy (35 participants), Rushen Retreat with Michael Katz (71 participants). Very full practice calendar, ongoing Shiné instruction with Lynn Newdome, and upcoming Learning the Ganapuja weekend class with Lynn Newdome.

Developing collaboration with West Coast Gar, including monthly calls, in person meetings. Joint programming in discussion, potentially joint sponsorship of Elias Capriles Upadesha of Primordially Pure Tregchod. Discussion about shares of costs and revenues. Carisa O'Kelly encourages people to come to dance program in Tsegyalgar west at Baja,

Planning for summer Sangha retreat with Igor Berkhin, dance retreat with Prima Mai.

Suggestions for filling winter gap in programming, eg., winter retreat, inviting Adriano.

Concern about New York Ling and lack of structure there. Al is monitoring finances, funds are secure and available, lack of participation from NY members last summer, dance sometimes happening at Michael Katz's, active participation

from Steve Kerns, Joe Nixdorf, and Jacopo Suricchio. Discussion. Does a member have the ability to dissolve the ling? No, takes a vote to do that.

2)Yellow Report (Al Daggett) Full report online

Big projects were completed. Road paved from pond to stupa. Pond drain fixed. Dangerous trees removed.

Payment (\$28,000) to Dzamling Gar for Meriling situation is complete for 2024 and 2025. Expenses related to Tsegyalgar House are close to \$1,400 a month. Many costs covered by previous fundraising (by Mark F and John LF.)

Al announced retirement as treasurer in June of 2025.

3)Red Report (Ellen Halbert) full report online.

David Hayes and Allen Wheeler repaired brickwork around school, Waterproofing was added. David patched and sealed parking lot. New parking lot needed for schoolhouse, will cost 34,000 (Kocot quote)

List of needed and upcoming maintenance tasks.

Report on Dark Retreat Cabin project (Lauri Marder) full report online
Call for involvement from larger community.

Report on Composting or other flushless toilets (Paula Barry)

Report on Memorial Garden project near pond (Marit Cranmer) See project online.

Basic requirements of project and detailed plan for landscaping and grounds preparation.

Additional landscaping projects near pond: Formal circle with fountain and seating, part shade (Dominik Niceva), Carisa O’Kelly- Dance mandala space and commemorative plaque.

Ellen says people can plant trees around pond, (across road from pond cabin) but wait to plant around pond cabin until new landscaping designs are clear.

Lynn presents poster for distribution for shiné course.

Thanks are offered for work by technical support team- Dominik Niceva, Nancy Paris, Dustin Wall, Tu-Vi Luong, Cindy Thibeau and David Leskowitz.

Dedication of Merit- end 3:15