

Gakyil Meeting Minutes 2/18/25

Present:

Gakyil members: Marsha Ellison, Alex Daggett, Ellen Halbert
Community members: Karen A.

Guru Yoga

Agenda

- 1) Red report: • The local group exploring dark retreat options recommends using second bedroom at the farmhouse, which could be relatively easy and inexpensive to convert to a dark retreat space by adding an extra door for soundproofing, blackout coverings for windows and a lightproof pass-through for meals. These changes would be done so that the space could be converted back to light accommodation as needed. The funds would be raised by interested community members. Red will write to Yeshe and Yuchen for their input and approval, and the idea put to a vote in the next Community Meeting. • Karma yogis are scheduled to come around June 1, stay approximately 2 weeks at Rinpoche's cabin while working on siding and other repairs on that cabin, as well as cleaning the other cabins and Vajra Hall.
- 2) Blue report: • Arrangements for retreat with Igor Berkhin were discussed, including plan for him to stay at farmhouse, suggested donation for the retreat, and his travel and local transportation. Red to arrange for microphone and speakers, porta-potties and Vajra Hall cleaning. Still to be decided are arrangements for his possible weekend stay in NYC and public talk there.
- 3) Yellow report: • We show a loss of approximately \$31,000 for 2024 due to several large infrastructure projects and large increases in insurance and utilities costs. This loss is offset somewhat by the fact that money has not been moved from reserves. We also have approximately \$33,000 in CDs which is income from Tsegyalgar House at Dzamling Gar. All income from Tsegyalgar House this year goes to Tsegyalgar as we have prepaid our share of Dzamling Gar taxes. Monthly expenses are expected to range from \$10-12,000 depending on time of year. Gakyil members and secretary will meet by Zoom to decide on measures for cost cutting and increasing income.

Dedication of Merit