Dzogchen Community West Coast

Board of Directors Meeting

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2748 Adeline Street, Berkeley, CA 94703

March 1, 2014

Minutes

**Board Members Present**: Gene Kim, Kathleen MacDougall, Lacey Segal, Ruslan Malakhowskiy, Richard Taylor

**Board Members Absent**: Craig Fiels.

**Community Members Present**: None.

**Call to Order**: Gene called the meeting to order at 3:07 pm

**Next Gakyil Meeting**: The next regular Board meeting is Saturday March 29 from 4-5:30pm**.**

**Minutes** for the Board meeting of Feb 2 were amended to show that all of the officers were nominated, motioned, seconded, voted and approved unanimously by the Board. Otherwise the minutes were unanimously approved as written.

**Treasurer's Report**: Interim Treasurer Rich reported that DCWC has $20,277.19 in assets, but after March rent is paid this will be $18,137.19. We are collecting $321.33 monthly in recurring donations. The group decided to move $10,000 from checking to savings.

**Actions items** from the previous Board meeting were reviewed. Most had been accomplished, but a few remained:

* **Laurel & Kathleen** will lead an update of our mailing list. Dawa can export the data.
* **Rich** will invite Margherita to the next Gakyil meeting for present for 10 minutes re: TW.
* **Rich** will contact Margherita re: change of IRS address.
* **Yellow Gakyil** will make an investment decision re: our long-term savings account
* **Yellow Gakyil** will work with Tsegyalgar West to set up a non-profit to manage the assets of Peter Baumann. Rich will speak with Carol Fields about the situation.

**New actions**:

* **Craig** will work on the annual donation form letter for circulation earlier this year than in previous years.
* **Red Gakyil** will schedule clearing out the attic and backlogged tapes by the end of the year.

**Blue Gakyil Report:**

**Anniversary of Garab Dorje WW Transmission** is coming up. Two explanation sessions are planned. Rus printed up fliers for the event and asked for the group to help distribute. Rus will send Kathleen the Word document poster so she can turn it into a newsletter to be emailed out.

**Fabio is visiting**March 24 - April 2 to teach Yantra Yoga. He will be staying with Scott & Lee Rome, and Rus will be his primary transportation. However some back up transportation will be needed: Lacey and Rich volunteered to help; Luke may be available as well since he is involved in Yoga Tree. Fabio has a special diet and will need a shopping trip to get supplies (Luke can explain what Fabio needs). DCWC will contribute up to $200 for his food and incidentals. Rich has a spare bedroom to host anyone else. Gene would like to invite Fabio to join Ganapuja at the Ling March 30th.

**More "intensive" practices**: Rus recently led a Semdzin intensive practice. Mandarava is set up for March 16th. Gene and Rus will meet to plan further intensives throughout the rest of the year. This will help develop the Community and possibly encourage more people to participate in the center. We can include an explanation session, as well as request a "suggested" donation of $15 per day.

**Red Gakyil Report**:

**Cleaning**: Recent cleaning session went well. However we no longer have anyone actively managing the bookstore. Kathleen is concerned we may not have an inventory of the right (or latest) materials. It may be a year-long process to gradually clean out the office storage. We also have many old tapes, not sure what to do with this. Master tapes have already been sent to Merigar. We need to appoint a person to manage the Ling's library. Maybe during WW Transmission we can set up a library table in the main room to offer to help newcomers.

**Rentals**: We have a monthly commitment from Deep Dive to rent our space. We need to spend more time thinking about how to create more opportunities to rent our space out to other spiritual communities, even psychological or other groups. We could take pictures of the space set up nicely, and create a short checklist of what the space has to offer (small kitchen, Internet availability, etc.)

**Yellow Gakyil Report**:

**Fundraising** -- there are websites that allow one to fundraise, including Kickstarter. Also within the current Gakyil we need at least one check signer. Today it's only Laurel, Dawa, and Lee, and none of them are on the Board. Gene nominated Kathleen to be a check signer, Rich seconded, and it was unanimously approved.

**Kathleen** requested reimbursement for supplies to bought for Losar tonight for $134.59, which was approved.

**Adjournment**: With no further business, the Board dedicated the merits and adjourned at 4:40pm.

BOARD CERTIFICATION

I, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the Dzogchen Community West Coast

(Name of Director) (Office held)

do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting held on Mar 1, 2014, as approved by the Board members in attendance at the meeting.

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