

DZOGCHEN COMMUNITY WEST COAST
Board of Directors Meeting
Dondrub Ling
2748 Adeline Street, Berkeley, CA 94703
05/04/2013

Minutes

Call to Order: Laurel called the monthly meeting of the Dzogchen Community West Coast to order at 1:40 p.m..

Board Members Present: Laurel Bellon, Richard Bermack, Monica Hernandez, Gene Kim, Dawa Gail Lorien, Lee Weiss

Community Members Present: Scott Rome

Next Gakyil Meeting: the next regular Board meeting is Saturday June 22nd 2013 2-4 p.m.

Minutes: for the Board meeting of 04/13/2013 were unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report: Documents sent previously via email.

Agenda Items:

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1. Dawa & Gene—Blue report:
 - (a) L.A. Retreat-& meet w Rinpoche--Arthur Flynn working on accommodations for Rinpoche, a meeting had been requested with Rinpoche but no time set yet, working on a silent auction. Shall we give Rinpoche a gift? What?
 - (b) A short history of Ling will be created. Gene will write something about the legal entity and history; Laurel will write narrative will inform of activities last ten years plus financials, focusing on how our non-profit status is used for other smaller west coast communities and ask advice about continuation of activities, emphasize that we have been self sufficient and maintain the practice.
 - (c) Dawa will introduce the gakyil, we will formally invite Rinpoche to the bay area.
2. Lawsuit Settlement: Report to International Dzogchen Community Coordinator, Enrico and Julia's Recommendations to Gakyil—has been settled with no fault to the center; Paula is also covered in this settlement-no further action against her or Shang Shung.
3. “JRZ”—discussion took an hour of this meeting:
 - (a) History—“JRZ” is still posting announcements for out practices on Jane Marion's list after we asked him not to.
 - (b) Refused not to post open webcasts.
 - (c) Monica suggested cooperation-R. Says he does not trust the community

- (d) We agreed that need to have someone around to monitor his behavior at all events he attends, but how still needs to be decided. We need to have someone or a number of people near by him at all events- how to schedule this? There is no clear plan about this.
 - (e) Gene will talk to him again— have R. agree to posting the way Norbunet posts, no extra images or characters in subject line or in body text. We give him two more times to make mistakes before -- what? What will happen? No consequences were agreed upon, this needs to happen.
 - (f) Richard moved that the people who want to deal with R. (Gene and Monica) develop a code of policy and conduct and post it at the center. Lee will contact Julia about possible legal issues relevant to developing this policy and Richard will print.
 - (g) Scott—Encouraged us to to whatever we need to take care of ourselves in this situation in light of the negative energy around the center lately.
 - (h) Richard—We spend too much time dealing with the negative and don't have enough time to work on the positive; don't have enough people willing to do the work necessary for the center to function and grow.
4. Michael Katz Retreat communication—status-it's a go for Michael to stay at Carols house in Berkeley. Laurel is investigating a venue for a public talk. Airfare amount: \$434.80. Room rental comes next-choice is Presbyterian church or Rudramandir-both in Berkeley.
 5. Elio will come in October depending on if his health is good enough. Gene suggested that he teach prayers for the dead (Chang Chuk (sp?)), so we can do this at the center as a group practice.
 6. Steven Goodman benefit talk-what is a good time for him? (no motion)
 7. Invite Yuden to give a Tara retreat?(no motion)
 8. Steve Landsberg in October? There has been an email inquiry from Tsegyalgar East.(no motion)
 9. Memorial day retreat at the center? Motion carried- practice schedule pending.
 10. Add the open webcasts to our weekly email schedule and send weekly schedule to Jane Marion's list, add open webcasts to practice calendar, web site? (no motion)
 11. Scott's recommendation for SMS exam needs to be sent to SMS coordinators. Laurel will send.

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1. Strategic initiative team status— postponed.
2. Fundraising idea: initiating 'Scrip' program for center: need to research the cost and what stores participate, and a person to be in charge of it-postponed.

3. Update on Rentals: Richard wants to see changes to web site to make more rental friendly. Rich and Monica will handle rentals—coordinate with Kathleen or Lee to find out how it's done.
4. Schedule lunch meeting w. Carol Field to discuss various center related brainstorming ideas and coordinating w other lings/gars—Gene will approach Carol during L.A. Retreat.
5. Create a “Meetup” (Meetup.com) group for the community to promote retreats-Laurel will set up.
6. Request to participate in the International Gakyil—who will represent? Postponed.
7. Schedule a “clean up the office” day some time this summer - go through the attic space and see what's there, deal with boxes of tapes-contact Shang Shung about them? Monica suggested cleaning needs to be done quarterly, but no motion carried. Planning postponed.

Yellow

Donation to Luke before leaving for retreat? How much? Motion for \$100 carried and taken up from personal collection.

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

BOARD CERTIFICATION

I, _____, _____ of the Dzogchen Community
 (Name of director) (Office held)

West Coast do hereby certify that the foregoing is true and correct copy of the Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting held on [date] as approved by the board members in attendance at the meeting.

 Signature

 Date