

DZOGCHEN COMMUNITY WEST COAST

Board of Directors Meeting

Dondrub Ling

2748 Adeline Street, Berkeley, CA 94703

11/17/2013

Minutes

Call to Order: Monthly meeting of the Dzogchen Community West Coast was called to order at 2:55 pm.

Board Members Present: Dawa Lorien, Laurel Bellon, Lee Rome, Gene Kim

Board Members Absent: Chad Harris

Community Members Present: Craig Fiels

Guru Yoga

Next Gakyil Meeting: the next regular Board meeting is 12/08/2013 from 3-5 pm

Minutes for the Board meeting of 10/2013 were unanimously approved after correction from Gene —with corrections clarifying the function of the strategic planning team.

Treasurer's Report:

Incomplete because we don't have the final totals for Elio and Fabio's retreats.

Checking balance: \$9695

Savings balance: \$12306

Agenda Items:

Blue Gakyil [Items]

1. Fabio's retreat was full for the open and closed retreats. Lee thinks we made approximately \$290.
2. Elio's retreat: people think it was well run. There were 12 new people at the public talk. Public talk made \$200. There were between 16-18 people attending the weekend retreat.
3. Dawa is ninety percent sure that \$90 was taken from the envelope with retreat donations. There was a discussion of needed a locking drawer but no motion voted.
4. Elio was happy-Carol was too. She wants to make a donation to the Ling. The airfare had been refunded/paid.
5. Yantra Yoga intensive is planned for December 1st. Luke will teach.
6. Vajra Dance retreat is planned for the end of January including a demonstration of Yantra Yoga and Dance-Carisa will teach.
7. December 8th- Practice day for Rinpoche's birthday.

Yellow Gakyil [Items]

1. We need to pay Shang Shung for Steve Landsberg's airfare.

2. Five people have set up recurring monthly donations on PayPal.
3. Pledge Drive—we should send paper letters and another round of email, update the web page with results of the community meeting—thank those who have given and ask for more. Target higher level donors with paper letter campaign. Lee will check in Quicken to see who those donors are.
4. Accountant for taxes voted down—we don't file a tax return per se - just a form.
5. Laurel will enter donors for 2013 in the Propolis database so we have a central repository at the center as to who the donors are, but doesn't want to continue it into next year. We will need someone to keep track of donors in a database.
6. Motion carried to donate a token amount of money to Tenerife for Rinpoche's birthday.
7. Gene will remind Luke to send an accounting for the L.A retreat bookstore.

Red Gakyil [Items]

1. Steering committee update – No date set yet for meeting. Gene wants the three nominees to take the lead and recruit others.
2. Craig and Marta want to do fundraising in exchange for a percentage of payment. No motion presented for a vote.
3. At December 8th meeting review the karma yoga forms in preparation for the January election. We need an approach for getting people to help out-start with the most critical in terms of colors. Dawa suggests a meeting with karma yoga form volunteers to see what they are willing to do going forward. Dawa will contact public lecture donors and will forward Lacy's letter to Craig regarding potential grants.

General:

1. Carisa will donate a larger screen for webcasts
2. Craig wants to write grants for computers (?)
3. Laurel will send birthday wishes to Rinpoche on or around December 8th.
4. Gakyil election date set at 1/12/2014—need to send out an announcement starting one month before. Follow up with Facebook & email calendar.
5. Continuing of the gakyil—no's: Lee, Laurel, Dawa, Chad. Possibly yes: Gene
6. Potential new gakyil members: Doug Doerr, Rich Taylor, Filiz Rezvan, Kathleen MacDougall
7. Year end recap:
 - A) Dawa - we resolved a lawsuit, shifted the energy to maintaining the center instead of closing, minimized a violent event on the premises, two gakyil members left prematurely due to personal issues, and despite this we were able to maintain a full practice schedule. We have a stronger web presence and need to continue. We need to get younger people involved. We need more of a team approach towards events.
 - B) Fabio says our problems here are prevalent world-wide at other communities. It is a closed system. We need to find a way to open it up.

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5 pm