

Notes from Gakyil meeting - 9-12-2015

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- > DCWC Gakyil Meeting Notes - 9-12-2015 3-5pm
- > Present: Gakyil members: Lee, Luke, Laurel, Dawa. Graig not present
- > Also Kathleen MacDougal, Lindy Handy, Ruth Bossieux, Scott Rome, Natalie Gougeon, Tana Lehr
- > Notes by Tana Lehr
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- > Next meeting: Saturday, October 10 6pm
- > Focus on Baja visit report and fundraising / Pot Luck dinner meeting
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- > 3:20 - Discussion about situation with JRZ
- > Recap of the history to date. Intervention by Gakyil in 2013 and more recent behaviors and interactions in past 6 months.
- > Lee wrote to both Jim Valby and the IDC Gakyil and read both her emails to them and their responses.
- > The IDC stated that members who do not pay their membership fees and / or behave in ways that are in conflict with the goals and principles of the Community, may be told to leave the Community.
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- > Discussion about what action to take.
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- > Decision:
 - > • Send a certified letter to JRZ listing all of the behaviors he has manifested that are not acceptable and cannot continue.
 - > • giving 'transmission' to new people who do not know that he is not authorized to do this within our community
 - > • aggressively pushing himself onto newcomers, insisting that they socialize etc. with him
 - > • arriving late to ganapuja
 - > • chanting in eccentric style, not following the practice

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- > • aggressive & threatening behavior toward other community members, vocal and physical
- > Tell JRZ that upon receipt of this letter he is on a 6 month probation. He cannot attend any practices or events at the Ling until March 1. At that time if he comes to the Ling, he must not behave in any of the ways outlined in the letter. If he does, he will be asked to leave permanently.
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- > 2) CC this letter to the International Gakyil. Ask if these behaviors are grounds for expulsion.
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- > 3) Maintain a presence at all ganapujas to enforce the ban.
- > If JRZ shows up during probation, let him be and inform him the following day by phone call & letter that he's violated the probation and is expelled.
- > Lock door 15 minutes after announced practice start time after notifying all in the community we are doing this. (Discussion about the complications & fire code violations involved in this. What was decided?)
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- > 4) Keep copy of the letter sent at the Ling for reference.
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- > YELLOW
- > Laurel sent a draft of the fundraising letter. It was approved.
- > Yard Sale - Sept 20 (Next Sunday) 10am to 3pm
- > with prep on Saturday, Sept 19, 12-2pm. Laurel has 3 volunteers in morning and 3 in afternoon to help on Sunday.
- > NEEDED: Volunteer to put posters around on Saturday at College ave, Telegraph, Berkeley Bowl, Downtown Berkeley, etc.
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- > Need to order 10 padded folding chairs for our event needs and to satisfy a new regular renter who will rent 1 Friday night and 1 Saturday afternoon each month. GAKYIL

AGREED. Who is doing this?

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> 5 teachers will be coming to offer courses over the next few months. We need help with hospitality, and registration & teacher care at the events.

> Discussion of Gifts for teachers. Decided that it is good to always offer a gift as well as the teacher compensation.

> Reduced fees are offered for those who help with courses.

> Linda offers to help with registration.

> Kathleen and Tana will help with teacher care for specific Vajra Dance courses.

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> Lee suggests use of special email method so emails don't get lost. She sent out the info to Gakyil previously.

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