

Gaden Relief Projects Meeting
Nov. 25th, 2017
Minutes

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Present: Ven. Zasep Tulku Rinpoche, Matthew Richards, Evan Zaleschuk, Irina Safonova, Maureen Byrne.

Regrets: Irene Cortes, Stephen Tang

Agenda Adopted: Maureen moved. Seconded by Matthew. Unanimous.

Previous minutes adopted: Evan moved. Seconded by Maureen. Unanimous.

1. Thank you card for Terry Lonergan whose estate made a large donation to GRP, to be signed by Irina.
2. Unanimous Board approval to give Irina official signing power on our GRP accounts with TD Bank.
3. Appreciation Potluck dinner at Gaden Choling for Conrad and his wife Aku, on Mon. Dec. 18th at 6:30pm, for all his years of service to GRP over the years. Rinpoche will cook traditional Tibetan momos for the dinner. Notice for this event to be sent out as an email to the Gaden Choling Community. Irina and Rinpoche to give official thanks and present a gift.
4. Bob Kapitany knows of 3 people willing to volunteer to do aid work for our Zangskar Project. Rinpoche will speak to Bob to see who can deliver the funds there. Rinpoche has to screen them for the job first because the nuns don't speak English, the location is at high altitude with difficult conditions etc.. And for Bob's offer of fundraising, Rinpoche will talk to him about it and see what project will most appropriate of the effort.
5. Zangskar Nuns Project: Our old GRP agent Kim may still be in contact with a nunnery there and we'll see about contacting her to see if she can deliver raised funds for the Project.
6. The new GRP website up & running. Irina, Maureen & Matthew will meet with Marco on Wed. Nov. 29th to go over the website to see how it works & update it. Marco is submitting an invoice, as a contracted vendor for GRP, for all his his service as of Oct. 2016. He gave GRP a reduced price on all the work: \$2800. (reduced from \$4500).

7. Unanimous approval to pay Sonam \$500. for her services as our GRP accountant.

8. GRP will receive an upcoming invoice for Rinpoche's donations for supporting Tendar Rinpoche's monastery during his last Mongolia trip. Details to follow. Rinpoche has asked his recent Indian Buddhist pilgrimage attendees to make donations of \$500. each to the Mongolian Children's Fund. The GRP Board will see about tallying the funding for this particular Project for Rinpoche's next trip to Mongolia this upcoming summer.

Maureen moved, Matthew seconded. Meeting Concluded