

Gaden Relief Projects Meeting
Sept. 6th, 2018
Minutes

Present: Evan Zaleschuk, Matthew Richards, Irina Safonova, Maureen Byrne

Regrets: Ven. Zasep Tulku Rinpoche, Irene Cortes,

Agenda Adopted

Previous Board Minutes adopted

Treasury Report: CDN account: \$63,342.96 USD: \$7.64

The GRP Board was unanimous in approving money to be drawn from General Account for a donation to Manlha Tus for the scholarship program for Mongolian students totally \$6000.00. USD

The Board also was unanimous in approving funds for a total donation of \$8000. USD to the Zangskar Nuns Association: the funds being drawn from the Zangskar Nuns account of the amount of \$2700. and the difference of \$5300. coming from the GRP General Account.

Our Board also unanimously approved of a donation of \$1000. USD for travel expenses for Irina's trip to Ladakh to deliver our donated funds to the Zangskar Nuns Association. Rinpoche sent his approval for this as Irina has abstained from this vote. The funds are to be drawn GRP General Account.

There was unanimous approval for Irina to decide on where funds were to go to which nunneries and how there were to be spent. Irina will see about doing shopping for the nuns. Evan suggested she talk to all nunneries and get a "business plan" (such as a \$ per capita per nun for food, health care, etc.) and see where the needs are and where funds should best go. Irina should ask what the nuns need and want and work closely with them with an emphasis on supplying necessities and sustainables. She should have good boundaries and reasoning around the funding, get a plan and report back to the GRP Board whenever possible. Irina will use the old GRP survey from 2007 for help.

Following up on past business concerning our GRP banks accounts, Irina went to our TD bank to inquire about this and was told that we cannot have "sub-accounts" with our CND & USD accounts to process donations to GRP projects but can always create whole new accounts (per project) for them. These would all require all officer signatures and permissions. Our accountant Sonam says there are old donation projects, with money allotted for other things, which are currently dormant, such as

the Nepal Earthquake Project for example. GRP should look into this and decide which of these to keep and which to consolidate and dissolve to disburse these funds. The Board decided that at our next GRP meeting we will deal with this issue and will ask Sonam to send information concerning these other dormant files.

Irina and our webmaster Marco cleaned up the GRP website - removing all funding details and numbers so nothing on it is seen to be misleading and or ambiguous. The Board will look at website together at our next meeting and look at fundraising and advertising issues: looking at write-ups, popular projects and determining and setting goals.

Next Board meeting TBA

Meeting Concluded