

Gaden Relief Projects Meeting
Sept. 11th, 2017
Minutes

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

Regrets: Ven. Zasep Tulku Rinpoche, Stephen Tang, Jane Lautens

Our Gaden Relief Projects (GRP) meeting was another housekeeping meeting confirming Irina as new President and going over the necessary steps to transfer duties and powers over to her.

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

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

The first order of business concerned positions on our Board. The positions we unanimously acclaimed: Irina Safonova to act as GRP President and Irene Cortes to act as Treasurer. Cristina Sanchez has asked to remove herself from the Board, Stephen stepped down as our Treasurer but has agreed to stay on as a member-at-large and Maureen has agreed to chair our meetings but and will stay on as a member-at-large as well.

Irina and Matthew agreed to visit the bank this week to assure Irina has official signing-power for our GRP accounts.

Irene will be in touch with Sonam, our accountant, about the status of our tax return, which should soon be complete.

Matthew is still currently working with Marco on the GRP website. In particular the two will make sure that the information from the old GRP website is properly archived when the new website goes live and takes over the old web address. The Board has asked that the new website will automatically update our GRP Facebook page. New information from Rinpoche's activities with our Mongolia Project this summer will have to be added as well. Next meeting the Board will see if one of our Members at Large will take on the responsibility of managing our new website.

Irina has asked that we find all the relevant GRP financial info for the years 2015 & 2016.

The Board has agreed to set our AGM for Oct. 5th at 6:30pm. The Board has asked for the minutes and information from our 2016 AGM.

Concerning our Zangskar Nuns Project - Our former agents, both Kim & Lauren have officially retired in this capacity. And so we will not receive their help and at present, have no means to delivered the raised funds for this aid. The last attempt of delivery of these funds was 2015. The Board will talk to Rinpoche to see what to do about this.

Our Dharma friend and supporter, Bob Kapitany, is interested in fundraising for us. However, with our hands full getting up to speed with housekeeping issues and our new website, this matter will be deferred for the present.

The Board feels the most important thing now is to find hard copy of our new Constitution, in amongst our GRP paperwork, that was mailed to our address here at Gaden Choling in the summer of 2014. We will request a new copy from the government if we can't find it.

We are planning a GRP Thank You potluck dinner for Conrad Richter with Ven. Zasep Rinpoche at Gaden Choling Temple on Dec. 18th. We are very happy to offer this to Conrad who has given GRP so much of his devotion, time and effort over many, many years. The Board agreed to have another short Board meeting after our upcoming AGM on Oct. to plan for this event and see about getting a gift for Conrad.

Next Board meeting Oct. 5th at 7pm.

Meeting Concluded