

Gaden Relief Projects
Board of Directors Meeting

27/02/14

Minutes

In attendance:

Ven. Zasep Rinpoche, Evan Zaleschuk, Conrad Richter, Matthew Richards

Regrets:

Matt King

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This conference call was taken to be more of a catch-up meeting for our Board and began with going through a number of administrative formalities.

First of all, the Board formally accepted the financial statements of 2012-2013 (Evan moving the motion and Matthew seconding it).

Conrad then informed the Board of the activities of the Toronto Ont. Chapter of Gaden Relief. Toronto Gaden Choling Sangha members Irene Cortes and Steven Tang put on the Gaden Relief 25th Anniversary Celebration and Dinner which was enjoyed very much by the participants. They are looking to make the GRP Fundraiser for Mongolia, scheduled for April 17th, a big success as well, by looking to stage some part of it at a different venue than the Toronto Temple, such as at an auditorium at the University of Toronto. There are plans to show traditional Mongolian artifacts, give talks on traditional medicine and healing modalities and accompany it all by Ven. Zasep Rinpoche giving a full slide show about his many travels in that beloved country.

Ven. Zasep Rinpoche then spoke about his plans for upcoming GRP visit to Mongolia in Aug. 2014. Rinpoche said that he wanted to bring medicine and vitamins for local people and make a donation of small medical equipment and supplies to a hospital there. The Board agreed that GRP should aim to spend around \$3000. for these medications and supplies and that they could be purchased here in Canada or the US and then brought over there for the trip. The Board then discussed the different commercial places in Toronto, Vancouver and the US where these things should be purchased cheaply and efficiently and in quantities appropriate to the project at hand.

Ven. Zasep Rinpoche also mentioned that he would like GRP to raise funds for Mongolian monk, Ven. Tushik's Temple in UB, "Lam Rim Center" so as to support his efforts at teaching and preserving the BuddhaDharma in Mongolia. The mayor of UB is looking to donate land for the construction of a proper Temple in the city and Rinpoche's patron, Bold will offer between \$12-15,000. in order to purchase a large "ger" or yurt for the staging of public teaching and religious events for this community. Rinpoche is really excited to participate in this project.

He also spoke about using \$2000. to continue to support the young Tulku Tender Rinpoche in his studies and training at a monastery in India. Recently this young monk has had some diplomatic issues regarding the extension of his visa. Rinpoche says that in the worst-case scenario he may have to continue his studies at a monastery in Tibet.

Conrad later told the Board that GRP has not heard from either Kim or Lauren concerning our project in Ladakh. Rinpoche is considering another visit there in 2015 and Conrad suggested that for the meantime we continue to raise funds for the Zangskar nuns.

Our meeting concluded with a brief discussion about our Board members such as Evan or Matthew deal with cheques and reimbursements. It was accepted that members of the Board could simply use their TD Bank client cards to withdraw the said appropriate funds, as need be, for specific project use and keep detailed records of all activities and transactions for accounting purposes.

The Board agreed to meet again soon.

Meeting Close

Minutes prepared by Matthew Richards