

Gaden Relief Projects Board Meeting
April. 7th, 2015
Minutes

Present: Ven. Zasep Tulku Rinpoche, Matthew Richards, Stephen Tang, Maureen Byrne.

Regrets: Matt King, Evan Zaleschuk, Irene Cortes

This short meeting consisted mainly of a discussion about the membership of the governing Board and duties of that Board in the temporary absence of some members.

Evan has stated to the Board that he wishes to step down as President of Gaden Relief but will look to stay on the Board as a member at large and to try to help out when he can. Matthew volunteered hereupon to take over the Presidency. However, he also let the Board know that he is going on a 4 month meditation retreat this summer and hence will be unavailable for communication and any formal purpose that requires his participation. With this in mind, Rinpoche asked Maureen to act as an in-term President until Matthew returns in the Fall of 2015.

The Board then decided that Matthew and Maureen should start to set up a more permanent office for Gaden Relief Projects here in Toronto, at Gaden Choling and use it as a base of operations and place to keep our archives and relevant paperwork. Matthew and Maureen said that, with Conrad Richter's help, they would look into moving the GRP accounts to a nearby branch, at Arlington and St. Clair Toronto and get Maureen on the account as a signing authority. In this way, she could write checks and withdraw funds as needed for our Projects in Matthew's absence. Maureen said she would answer all GRP mail during the summer. Currently, all the Gaden Relief paperwork is in Evan's possession in Vancouver. The Board agreed that it should be moved back to Toronto as soon as possible.

We also agreed to have another meeting, for housekeeping purposes, in regards to these issues and to ask Conrad how many meetings we are required to have throughout the year, that these legal conditions be met.

Rinpoche told the Board that he was not planning to go to Tibet this summer of 2015. He felt that we had done enough for our sponsored communities there over the course of 6 visits, such as our support of the Jamseng Health Care Center and Tashi Lapug Monastery and that he would like us to concentrate our efforts on our Projects in Mongolia. Rinpoche said that he would like to take some funds to Mongolia to donate in support of the young Mongolia Lama, Tulku Tendar Rinpoche who is currently studying with the former head of the Gelugpa Tradition, the Gaden

Tripa. He said that GRP could set up a scholarship fund for this Lama through an account on our website.

After this discussion, the Board agreed that they would set a date by email, as soon as possible, for the next meeting before Rinpoche's trip to Mongolia.

Meeting concluded.