

Gaden Relief Projects Meeting
May 27th, 2017
Minutes

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Present: Ven. Zasep Tulku Rinpoche, Matthew Richards, Evan Zaleschuk, Irina Safonova, Stephen Tang, Cristina Sanchez, Jane Lautens

Regrets: Irene Cortes, Maureen Byrne

Our Gaden Relief Projects (GRP) meeting was a housekeeping meeting with Rinpoche regarding our many projects and going over some future aims.

The first order of business concerned positions on our Board. Irina Safonova offered to act as GRP President and was acclaimed. Stephen stepped down as Treasurer but agreed to stay on the Board as a member-at-large and Irene Cortes offered to act as Treasurer and was acclaimed by the Board. Ven. Zasep Rinpoche asked that GRP schedule more official Board meetings throughout the year.

A donor in BC wanted to make a donation to GRP that is voiced their willed estate. Maureen said she would follow up on this.

Our Dharma friend and supporter, Bob Kapitany, is interested in fundraising. Our Board will follow up with him on this.

Our current bank balances (approx.):

\$180.00 USD

\$69,000. CDN

Sonam accountant put our finances and our accounting well in order and will do our taxes from now on. Our Board thanks her from our hearts.

Our GRP website is now almost done. Marco Frascetti, our website designer who selflessly offered his services will intro it to us soon. All donations are processed through "Canada Helps" which serves to make our accounting more transparent, organized and easy as it issues our tax receipts and keep files on all activity.

Irina will meet with Conrad for more info on GRP and our Zangskar Project in Ladakh. GRP will try to contact our Project's agents, Kim & Lauren to discuss our future plans.

While GRP Tibetan Projects like our Jamseng Health Care Center are closed, Rinpoche suggested that we try to get our raised funds to Tashi Lapug Monastery in Tibet soon.

GRP Mongolia continues to thrive and expands its activities. With our support of Tugsbayasgalant nunnery complete GRP Mongolia will focus its activity on raising future funds for the UB orphanage in time, has pledge a yearly stipend to its scholarship program and is provisionally setting up a funding target of \$25,000. for Ven. Tendar Rinpoche's monastery. There is also renewed interest in supporting the charity for single mothers, Geralt Mur, with a new one time donation of \$800.

Rinpoche will once more visit Mongolia this summer and plans to bring \$15,000. There for our projects. He will get breakdown of the needed and targeted funding from Sonam, regarding the Scholarship and Tendar Rinpoche Projects respectively.

Bold, through Manlha Tus, wants to build a daycare in Ulan Bator in the near future and will need professional workers and management to help run it – yet another up and coming project for GRP Mongolia.

Meeting Concluded