

THE NALANDA INSTITUTE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 17, 2007

Held at the home of Geshe Jamyang. In attendance: Geshe Yamyang, Alaya Griffith, Larry Causey, Jan Vleck, Carol Dean, Bob Saunders and Claire Williams.

AGENDA

Treasure's Report

Assistance to Vietnamese Temple

Martin Luther King Day

Ethnic Festival

Annual Retreat

Letter to H.E. Dagmo Kusho

Chenrezig Leader Program

Graduation

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Treasurer's Report

Larry presented the financial report. See attached documents.

Suggested Assistance to Vietnamese Temple

Discussion was held concerning possible monetary donations and/or work parties contributed to the temple by Nalanda. This would be in order to help maintain and approve the appearance of the building both inside and outside. Another possible suggestion was to investigate the possibility of investing money to become partners in the temple and forgo on a future dharma site at another location.

- At some point the Nalanda board may want to initiate a meeting with the board members of the Vietnamese temple to see what their status is in maintaining the building.

Martin Luther King Day Event

The showing of the film by H.H. Dalai Lama was very successful. There were at least 46 people in attendance at Traditions Café. Eight or nine new names were added to the Nalanda mailing list. It will be encouraged in the future to have Nalanda events advertised or "piggyback" in alignment with similar events.

Annual Ethnic Festival

To be held on February 10th from 10:00 am to 7:00 pm at the Washington Center. Nalanda will host an informational table with some form of activity for participants. Suggestions were to have people write their names in Tibetan characters show maps of Tibet, display the Tibetan flag and to make bookmarks with their Tibetan names. It is hopeful that the Nalanda business size cards will be available for distribution.

* Carol Dean has agreed to be in charge of arranging volunteers to staff the table for the day. She has also volunteered to looking into other types of art or crafts that participants may be involved with.

Annual Nalanda Retreat

The current date set for this retreat is now May 11, 12, & 13th. It is intended that we invite Lama Migmar from Boston to provide teachings along with Geshe Jamyang. Possible topics may be: Teachings on Buddhist Psychology and Cosmology, Meditation, Chenrezig, Phowa and all topics related to Abhidharma, with intended practice at a deeper level of meditation. These Essential Topics may generate attendance from other area sanghas that have a Sakya affiliation. It is important that we notify other associations of the retreat.

- Geshe Jamyang will contact Lama Migmar concerning his availability for the May retreat.
- Claire will contact the ELC at Millersylvania for a possible retreat site.
- Larry will contact Lewis and Clark State Park as a possible site.

Letter to H.E. Dagmo Kusho

Jan has sent a formal letter to Dagmo Kusho requesting teachings from her on White Tara, either in February or March. We are waiting to hear back from her.

Chenrezig Leader Program

Training on leading Chenrezig practice will be held on January 27th at 3:00 pm at the home of Bob Saunders. We will also watch a video by H.H. Sakya Trezin giving the Chenrezig initiation in Olympia approximately 8-9 years ago. A potluck will also be part of this training.

- Bob will pull together a list of those people who are already comfortable with leading Chenrezig.

Yearly Graduation Program

Work should begin in determining who is eligible for the Mindfulness Meditation Certificate. Forms are placed at the entry table for those who would like to keep track of their requirements to qualify. A suggested book may be kept to catalog these forms.

- Jan would like to work on a format for assisting those interested in meeting the Mindfulness Meditation goals.

Nalanda Financial Goals

Geshe Jamyang would like to impress upon the Nalanda membership the importance of pledging or paying for participation in the program. A concrete plan should be devised as to how this can be accomplished.

Geshe would also like to set a goal for raising at least \$5,000 a year through prayer flags workshops, tsatsa workshops and possibly slide shows of Tibet.

Teleconferencing

Will be held on two Weds of every month. The two first designated conferences are scheduled for January 24th and February 7th. This will allow the board to discuss issues that need immediate attention and to help board members to follow up on tasks.

Next board meeting will be held on February 21st at the home of Jan Vleck.