

THE NALANDA INSTITUTE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

FEBRUARY 21, 2007

Held at the home of Jan Vleck. In attendance: Jan Vleck, Dick Carlson, Alaya Griffith, Bob Saunders and Claire Williams.

AGENDA

White Tara Teaching by Dagmo Kusho

Annual Retreat

Dharma Center/Vietnamese Temple

Slide Show of Tibet

Teleconference

Book Groups

Ethnic Festival

Dharma Store

Geshe Jamyang's 20th Anniversary

No Treasure's Report Was Given

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White Tara Teaching

The White Tara teaching to be given by Dagmo Kusho on Sunday, April 22nd at the Coach House has been changed to Sunday, April 29th due to a change in her schedule.

The announcement of this event should be sent to N.W. Dharma Center by the end of February in order for it to make the hard copy in March.

*** Jan will contact the N.W. Dharma News about the White Tara teaching, and also about Nalanda's Annual Retreat. He will also contact Adrienne at the Sakya Center in order to determine the logistics of the event (i.e. will Deshung Rinpoche be attending and are there any dietary restrictions). *** Jan will also inquire if White Tara sadahnas can be provided along with pictures of White Tara. At the same time he will request an electronic copy of previous White Tara teachings from Sakya Monastery.

***Carol Dean has agreed to provide lunch at her home for Dagmo Kusho during the afternoon break.

Publicity for this event will be posted in the Interfaith Newsletter, Green Pages, Olympia Food Co-op Newsletter.

***Bob will contact Oly. Food Co-op and Green Pages.

***Claire will contact Interfaith Works Newsletter.

Annual Retreat

Planned for Friday-Sunday, May 11, 12, 13th at Gwinwood. Teaching topics are still open and to be discussed with Geshe Jamyang.

***Jan and Bob will both meet with Geshe to determine topics to be discussed by Lama Migmar.

***Check with Larry to see if he has put a deposit with Donna at Gwinwood and if he is able to locate previous registration forms for this event (i.e. registration format and fees charged).

Dharma Center

A search continues for appropriate commercial buildings or houses within the community. A brief discussion was tabled concerning an investigation of a cooperative agreement/partnership with the Vietnamese membership.

Ethnic Fair

This event seemed to be a success and will probably be repeated next year.

Tibetan Slide Show

A particular woman has been in contact with Bob Saunders concerning her slides of a trip to Tibet. She is interested in showing them to Nalanda members.

***Bob will contact her after checking on the possibility of renting a room at Evergreen State College or Timberland Library. March 23rd was mentioned as a possible date for viewing.

Teleconferencing

It was determined that this event be held once a month. This month's conference will be held March 7th at 7:30 pm. Alaya will notify all participants and they are asked to confirm the notice. Minutes will be sent prior to conference time for everyone to check off their respective responsibilities.

Book Groups

Group members are in the process of writing their brochures. It was mentioned checking with Geshe Jamyang concerning reforming the book groups after completion of the brochures. What will the next course of study be? Attached are the topic areas that Geshe suggests be included in the pamphlets:

Objectives

Purposes

Benefit

History

Definition -- main themes

Essential Practices

Relevance to Daily Life

Dharma Store

Questions were raised about the location of the store boxes. Also, what is the purpose of the store and when are the appropriate times to display items.

***Dick and Bob have volunteered to do an inventory of the boxes.

Jamyang's 20th Anniversary Celebration

Discussion was making this event a possible fundraiser. Contact persons who are interested in honoring Geshe, plus opening this to be a community event. There may be a silent auction and possible showing of slides of Tibet. December 8th was mentioned as a tentative date.

***Jan will contact New Market and South Puget Sound cooking schools about catering a meal for this event.

A location still needs to be determined.

Next Board Meeting Will Be Held March 21st. Location to be decided.