

THE NALANDA INSTITUTE BOARD MEETING MINUTES
September 12, 2007

Held at the home of Jan Vleck. In attendance: Geshe Jamyang, Larry Causey, Jan Vleck (no meetings were held in July or August; Geshe Jamyang was traveling in India in July and some of the Board were in Nepal and Tibet in August)

AGENDA

Treasurer's report

Review of June 30th Teaching

November teaching and 2008 Planning Retreat

Calendar and Individual Transformation series

December fundraising / Geshe's 20th Anniversary Celebration

Dharma Center

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Treasurer's Report and budget decisions

The checking balance is over \$4700 and savings \$36,653.79. The 6/30 teaching took in \$1400 which provided \$885 for Mundgod sponsorships, \$100 for renting the temple, and the balance went for cash offerings at monasteries in India, Nepal, & Tibet. Several Board members were present at a tea offering presented by Geshe Jamyang at Tharlam Monastery in Kathmandu in late July. Board members carried the offerings to Reting, Ngor, Tanag, Shalu, Sakya, and other monasteries in Tibet.

Larry has prepared an Event Budget form and recorded the cash flow for the 2007 Nalanda Retreat with Lama Migmar. The expenses were high because we bought books (\$1045) in addition to the facility and food expenses (each were about \$1000). Excluding the book purchase, the annual retreat cost about \$250 net. Lama Migmar also donated about 2 additional cases of books for Nalanda, and we will try to sell some to the Sakya Monastery bookstore to reduce the stock.

The Board directed a \$150 annual contribution to Interfaith Works (up from \$100 last year.) In July, by email vote the Board authorized purchase of silver offering bowls in Kathmandu. These were purchased and there are other expenses coming to reimburse Nepal/Tibet purchases made on behalf of Nalanda.

***need person to do deal with Sakya Monastery Bookstore

June 30th Teaching

Geshe's teaching on Mindfulness Meditation was attended by about 27 people, and succeeded in raising money for sponsorships and offerings in India, Nepal, & Tibet.

November teaching (Sun 11/4) and 2008 Planning Retreat

Geshe will present a teaching in November and requests that it be at the Coach House on a weekend rather than on a Thursday night. Sunday 11/4 was selected (9-11 AM), with 11/11 as a backup date pending facility availability. The root teaching was given by Khenpo Appey Rinpoche to the Tibet travelers in his home in Kathmandu on 8/19/07. Geshe will also offer commentary on the teaching, and reflection on the example

of KAR's kindness, wisdom, and guidance. A practice based on the Seven Links, will be presented by Geshe as well.

The 2008 planning retreat will follow immediately after, also in the Coach House. Key items will be the 2008 Nalanda retreat, guest speakers, Super Saturday, and a possible major activity focused on HH the Dalai Lama's birthday on Sunday July 6 in consideration of the importance expected for Tibet in 2008.

We will have the November Board meeting on the second Wednesday 11/14, to avoid Thanksgiving.

***Larry will contact the Coach House and arrange the rental.

***Geshe will write a description of the planned practice for the 11/4 teaching.

***NEED PUBLICITY (Bob S?)

***need slate of Board candidates before Retreat, need more Board at-large members

Calendar and Individual Transformation series

The calendar for September to December was updated to account for the plans made tonight. Geshe has proposed 3 activities as part of a series on individual transformation.

***Jan will circulate calendars to Bob S for email, Tom K for web posting, and will post at Temple Lien Hoa.

December fundraising / Geshe Jamyang's 20th Anniversary Celebration

Geshe has requested that we postpone his 20th Anniversary Celebration until 2008. The June Board minutes have good planning ideas.

Instead, he requests that we hold a fundraiser with the trip slides, "An Evening Experience in Tibet and Nepal". The Board would like to stick with the original date of Sat Dec 1, perhaps at the Olympia Center (or Black Box? Elsewhere?) Target attendance 100 or more, admission about \$25, dinner of a hearty soup (thugpa, a traditional filling Tibetan single dish meal).

Tibet trip members will be asked to submit about 5 favorite photos to be printed and framed as nice 8x10s—the audience would vote for favorites by category, and the favorites would be given away winners as raffle, with the others sold. Also auction of some dharma goods (carpets, brocade table runners, prayer flags, etc.) and whatever donations can be raised.

TASKS: plan how to do slide show, rent space, collect/print/frame pictures (Brenda?), volunteers to cook (food handlers cards), rent dishes, publicity....

Dharma Center

Several Board members looked at a business-zoned house on Pacific Avenue listed at nearly \$500,000.

***Jan will follow up on the First Community Church space, and there is a person interested in exploring the wedding chapel business opportunity.

Lama Lungrik

No news on his visa application. The Tibet travelers had the good fortune to meet Lama Lungrik in Nepal. Geshe recommends that we write another letter to the US Consulate

stressing the importance of preserving Tibetan religious culture now that the Tibet trip has made us feel it even more important to have resident monk

Book Groups

Discussion was put off to a later time.