

THE NALANDA INSTITUTE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

DECEMBER 13, 2006

Held at the home of Bob Saunders. In attendance: Geshe Jamyang, Bob Saunders, Emma Bergkamp, Dick Carlson, Alaya Griffith and Claire Williams.

AGENDA

Meditation Leader Sign-up

Chenrezig Training

Incorporate White Tara

MLK Event

Annual Retreat

Kagyur/Tangyur Sutras

Geshe Jamyang's 20th Anniversary

Other Celebrations

Board Member Responsibilities

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Meditation Leader Sign-up

The schedule as it stands now is that Geshe will lead the 1st and 2nd Thursdays of the month. Those senior students holding a "certificate of study" will volunteer to lead the 3rd Thursday, the 4th Thursday (Chenrezig) and 5th Thursday (Tara practice). * Claire will devise a sign up list for the year, whereby members can volunteer by month to lead specific practices.

*Bob has volunteered to plan a group for training in Chenrezig. Perhaps this will be done in January.

White Tara

It was discussed that Nalanda may replace the Green Tara practice on the 5th Thursday to White Tara. The reasoning behind this is that White Tara incorporates more hand gestures and chanting.

MLK Weekend

Nalanda will show a video by H.H. Dalai Lama speaking on truth and nonviolence at Traditions Café on Monday, January 15th from 7-9 pm. After viewing the video there will be a discussion and

question/answer period lead by Geshe Jamyang on the content of the movie. *Bob has volunteered to contact Traditions on the availability of the space for that evening. He will also check with Alan Rose about coordinating this event, since Alan was instrumental in doing so last year. *Emma will forward last year's flyer to someone for reworking.

Annual Retreat

It is hopeful that the retreat will be held at Millersylvania in late April. *Emma will check with the facilities for available dates and prices and email Claire with the information. *Claire will then be responsible for making final arrangements, including meal planning.

Kagyur and Tangyur Sutras

These are translations from Sanskrit to Tibetan of all the classical commentaries pertaining to Buddhist teachings.

Kagyur Sutras – are the actual historical teachings of the historical Buddha. They consist of either 103 or 108 volumes.

Tangyur Sutras- is translations of all classical commentaries. These consist of more than 200 volumes.

Geshe Jamyang would like to order these publications to house in the future Nalanda Dharma Center. The funds to purchase these collections would come from: wood print prayer flag and tsa tsa workshops, and also formal teachings given by Geshe Jamyang.

Further discussion of this topic will be brought up at the next board meeting.

Geshe Jamyang's 20th Anniversary

This event will commemorate Geshe Jamyang's arrival in the U.S. on December 4th, 1987. Members of the sangha will be asked to write their memories, philosophical ideas and articles pertaining to their experiences and connections with Geshe Jamyang. This is to be done beginning in January of 2007 and completed by December 1st of 2007. A video will also be made of Geshe's memoirs. *Someone will be asked to coordinate this activity and come up with topics of discussion for the video.

An organizational celebration will be held to honor Geshe, possibly during the first week of November, 2008.

Additional Celebrations

Those to be discussed at a later board meeting are Enlightenment Day in May and H.H. Dalai Lama's birthday on July 6th.

Board Member Responsibilities

The President and Vice President will share responsibilities for running meetings and notifying board members of up coming meetings

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*The need to firm up who is doing the monthly calendar must be done by January. It is hopeful that Julie Bennet will agree to do so.

*There has been on going discussion concerning the need for a particular board member who can be responsible to oversee volunteers and be a contact person to follow up on specific activities.

*Alaya has volunteered to check on the possibility of board members being involved in a bi-monthly teleconferencing. It is felt that at times more than one meeting per month among the board members is needed.

*Emma will check to see if someone else will handle answering the Nalanda voice mail system.

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Emma suggested a system whereby items needing immediate attention are highlighted so those members are reminded and are able to follow up. Thus, any item marked with an * in the minutes indicates that a particular person will follow up, or that someone needs to be assigned that task.