

DHARMA CENTRE BOARD MEETING

September 26, 2021 @ 10:30 AM (EDT)

Present: David Berry, Steven Gellman, Christine Wihak, Eva Gohl, Robyn Fineberg, *Resident Teachers:* Terry Hagan, Mala Sikkha
Guests: Rab Wilkie, Matt Wright, Hagop Alanjian

Motion to accept Minutes from August, 2021. Moved: Christine; seconded Eva. Passed unanimously.

Business arising taken care in rest of meeting.

Acting President Report

Prepping for Lama Mark retreat. Tent is up. Heater to arrive beginning of October or earlier. Getting new vehicle on Thursday, five year lease. (Motions to purchase heater and lease vehicle passed by email previously.)

Treasurer's Report (See attached financial reports)

Still in loss position, although losses reducing as on-site retreats take place. In good cash position but will spend money received for Lama Mark retreat fees. Will separate Monuments fund for report next month.

Motion to accept Treasurer's report. Moved – Monique; seconded – David. Passed unanimously.

Staff Reports Submitted written reports.

Resident Teachers' Report Have had 3 well-attended retreats. Young Persons retreat went well – under 25. Did practice in morning and karma yogi in afternoon. Cleaned up monuments, brought in wood. Neighbours lent canoes, so took them out back part of property. Made use of practitioners' support fund. Young people want to give back to the centre. Want to do at least once/year. Had Vispassana retreat with 20 people. Very challenging because of changing COVID rules. Started with groups in Temple and Main House. Also movement course. Plea for support for monument restoration. Need to schedule time to work on it. Suggestion to provide back-up for staff when on days off.

Dharma Centre Renewal Project See attached report.

Asking each board member to identify which circle of advisors willing to join. Also identify other sangha members with relevant expertise. Mala stressed need to empty de-humidifiers at least once daily in existing Temple. Gaps allowing mosquitoes in. Suggestion to explore drainage option for de-humidifiers. Requested Mala to provide detailed report to Maintenance committee.

Time line for new memberships

Motion: Cut-off for new membership/membership renewal for voting purposes two weeks before AGM. David – moved; seconded – Monique. Passed unanimously.

Will be highlighted in newsletter and in Mail Chimp.

Date for next meeting – Oct. 31st, 10:30.