

## **DCC Board Meeting – June 27, 2021**

Welcome and apologies for technical glitches for first open Zoom Board meeting.

*Present:* David Berry, Steven Gellman, Christine Wihak, Monique Truax, Eva Gohl, Patricia Steckley, Chris von Baeyer

*Resident Teachers:* Terry Hagan, Mala Sikkha

*Guests:* Tracy Sheridan, Marion Herlet, Marta Castiglioni

### **Opening meditation**

#### **Adoption of Minutes of June 17**

Move adoption of Minutes: Christine, moved; Eva, seconded. Passed unanimously

#### **Adoption of Agenda**

Move to confirm agenda: Monique, moved; Eva, seconded. Passed unanimously

#### **Acting President's Report (see attached)**

Motion to accept: Christine, moved; Eva, seconded. Passed unanimously

#### **Treasurer's Report**

Doesn't have May financials yet. Loss of around 13K at end of April. Have received 8.6K from gov't. Another !.7K in June. Lots of money in bank, so bank balances holding there own, thanks to gov't subsidies. Application for energy cost rebates. Problem with Hydro estimates and rebates.

Motion to accept: Monique, moved; Christine, seconded. Passed unanimously

#### **Staff report**

Keeping in touch with gov't about COVID re-opening. Working on newsletter. Themed around the 1980s. Two contributions plus one about Karmapa's visit in 1970s.

Working on wi fi at Temple. Have cut down trees leaning on hydro lines. Have down a lot of clean-up on property – major effort. Started vegetable garden. Lots of infestation – mice, mosquitos, black flies, ground hogs, porcupines. Maintenance Committee projects: replacing electrical panel at Hill House (completed); replacing piping in Main House; possibly new filtration system; finding good contractor to repair water-damaged walls in basement of Main House. Volunteers: Welcoming people very familiar with DCC up to now. Next week, new people. Hope to see many in July, to work on Monuments and other projects.

#### **Programme Committee Report**

Lama Sherab will do guardians of land ceremony on July 17; won't be publicized. Stage two COVID rules, so only small number of people by invitation.

Some double-bookings for Zoom retreats and F2F retreat in August. Lama Lena will do Sept. 8-14, in person if possible. Sai Baba coming in Sept. Lama Mark for three weeks in Oct. Jack will do 9 day retreat at end of Oct- beginning of Nov. In discussion about future bookings with outside groups. For 2022, Sally Svenningson suggestion to invite some lamas, but SDs expressed concerns that DCC didn't have proper supports. Lamas may teach in Toronto and then come to DCC for visit. Lama Lena's students have requested specific retreat for 2022.

Eva presented on dilemma of approving new teachers, without formal SDs to approve. Can still contact former SDs informally to get their knowledge. Karma Chime on programme committee. Board can specify what information from Programme Committee needed for Board to make approvals. Members of Committee looking at revised ToR. Mala asking about teacher she recommended. Marion explained once new process for approvals in place, can send to Board.

### **Archive Committee Report (see attached)**

(Steven passed chair to Monique)

David reported that some of microfiches being stored are duplicates and/or have already been digitized. Dorys was going to take a look, but COVID intervened. Will save \$\$ any way even if digitize duplicates. Q&A: DCC has never received an invoice from storage facility. Steven will investigate where invoice is going. Steven will ensure that requests for staff assistance send to supervisor rather than directly to staff. Monique will work with Steven on budget and spending approvals.

Motion to approve report: Steven moved; Eva seconded. Passed unanimously.

(Steven resumed chair)

### **New Business**

Temple Project Direction – Before Travis resigned, would meet weekly with Shelane and Monique. Now Shelane, Monique and David will provide interim project direction, with weekly meetings. Need to plan for Town Hall. Get project moving again. Shelane, Monique and David will meet soon.

### **Date of Next Meeting**

July 25 at 10:30 for next regular meeting. Monique requested that special meetings (e.g. Temple Meetings) be held on Saturday or on weekday.