

DHARMA CENTRE BOARD MEETING

October 31, 2021 @ 10:30 AM (EDT)

Present: Steven Gellman, Christine Wihak, Robin Fineberg, Monique Truax

Resident Teachers: Terry Hagan

Guests: Rab Wilkie, Hagop Alanjian, Pamela

Motion to accept Minutes from Sept. 26, 2021. Moved: Christine; seconded Robin. Passed unanimously.

Acting President's Report

Lama Mark retreat went really well. Tent was a great place to meditate. Problem with heater working; requires technicians not readily available. Decision on what to do will be made soon. Vehicle lease fell through.

Treasurer's Report

In good cash position at present – around \$73K in operating account after paying for tent, platform and heater. May not need to take those expenses from Uplifting Property fund. Loss down to \$4600. Hasn't yet looked at financial reports. Will send them by the next few days. Behind on financial reports, trying to catch-up. Need to have around \$40K to head into winter closure, with heavy heating expenses. Could probably afford around 20K to buy used vehicle. Late with report for CRA because of accountant lack of action. Expecting draft of reports this week, so should be filing in time. Will have final reports for 2020 for AGM. Still need to file wage subsidy. Wage subsidy is going down. Brief discussion of taking car loan from Kawartha Credit Union to establish credit history.

Motion to accept Treasurer's Report: Moved – Monique; seconded Robin. Passed unanimously.

Staff report

Last three weeks were serving and attending Lama Mark's retreat. Tent worked well. Now taken down and stored. Platform left on ground, covered with tarp. Fully booked with retreats until Dec. 12 with waiting lists for most of them. Marion starting programming for 2022 next week. Working on seasonal changes – fire extinguishers, water line heaters, arrangements for snow removal on small paths. Wood all in for winter, thanks to server meditators.

Resident Teacher Report

Haven't been at DCC during Lama Mark's retreat or Jack's retreat. No contact about solo retreatants. Have weekly class on-line. Daily meditations run by group members. Trial process but can open those up to DCC if interest. Lot of interest in Namgyal sadhana after Oct. 22 Zoom meditation, so may set up meetings once or twice/month. Have on-line retreat coming up for new meditators. Working on something with Hermitage on Denman Island.

Winter closure, staff holidays, recruitment of stewards

Staff will start holidays on Dec. 14. Board needs to establish length of closure. Marion has put a few feelers out to people who have done it before. Usually handled by HRC and staff. HRC last year developed profile for stewards last year. Tracy will circulate to board. Details need to be sorted out about contacts when troubles arise. Expression of interest to go to Tracy for consideration by HRC. Question of solo retreats and support needed from steward.