

**TIBETAN CULTURAL INSTITUTE OF ARKANSAS
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
April 24, 2011**

Board Members Present:

James Ownbey, President
Karen Chotkowski, Co-Treasurer
Geshe Thupten Dorjee, Member at Large
Ellen Thompson, Co-Treasurer

Board Members Absent:

Sidney Burris, Vice President
Jasmine Merced, Secretary
Bill Symes, Member at Large

Committee Chairs Present:

Absent:

Christy Pollock, Community Outreach

Members Present:

Nancy Praus
Scott Johnson

Committee Chairs

Cheryl Maese, Membership
Georgia Lance, Land
Kate MacNaughton Lonberger,
Fundraising
Will VanLaningham, Students for
a Free Tibet Representative

6:45 pm Meeting called to order

OLD BUSINESS

Approval of the Minutes – No approval of the minutes from April 11, 2011.

Events for HHDL's Visit to University of Arkansas

- The TCIA will have a table at the Fayetteville Farmer's Market on Saturday April 30, 2011. Scott Johnson will coordinate the event and volunteers. Christy Pollock will bring brochures on the Tutors for Tibetan Children Project for distribution to the public. The TCIA's photograph of the Dalai Lama will be displayed. The T-shirts will be for sale. Eysule Gamache has volunteered the use of her tent. Karen Chotkowski will bring 2 tables, 2 chairs.
- On Saturday, May 7, 2011, the TCIA has reserved the space in front of the Fayetteville Town Center during the Fayetteville Farmer's Market. Scott Johnson will coordinate the event. The Town Center will provide 15 tables and chairs. Sandra Bennett from the Town Center is the contact person for coordinating receipt of the tables and chairs. The monks will do chanting and set up a vendor table, local musicians will play music, Mayor Lionel Jordan, James Ownby and Geshe Dorjee will speak. The TCIA will sell t-shirts and cut flowers. The program schedule is tentatively planned as follows: 9 am to 10:30 am local musicians will play; 10:30 am to 11:00 am the monks will chant; 11:00 am to noon speaker presentations. James will introduce Mayor Jordan. James will contact Lindsley Smith from the

mayor's office to inform her that the mayor is slated to speak at 11 am on May 7. There are plans to hang prayer flags between the lights in front of the Town Center along with a Tibetan flag (from Geshe la) and an American flag (from Christy).

- The Potluck on Sunday, May 8 at the gazebo in Wilson Park will be coordinated by Nancy Praus. The TCIA will rent 5 tables @ \$7 per table. Scott is making the table rental arrangements. Geshe la, Christy Pollock and Karen Chotkowski will bring additional tables. Nancy will purchase plates, forks and napkins for reimbursement by the TCIA. Attendees will be encouraged to bring chairs and musical instruments. It was suggested to put posters in the area around the park or to handout fliers to invite those living around Wilson Park.
- The TCIA will rent a vendor's table for May 11 at Razorback Park. James Ownbey will rent the space along with one extra table for a total cost of \$207. Scott Johnson is coordinating the vendor's table. Set up will be done on Tuesday evening. Euysule has a tent she might lend, if needed. If so, cinderblocks are needed to stabilize the tent—no stakes allowed. Geshe and Scott will take inventory on Wednesday (May 27) of recently received items for selling. Cheryl Maese will be asked to help with the inventory taking. Geshe is to be reimbursed by the TCIA for the cost of the recently received items.
- The TCIA Dinner will be Wednesday night at St. Paul's Episcopal Church. It was decided that no vendor tables will be set up at the event. Included in the events are an auction of the butter sculpture, an auction of donated photographs from Stephen Ironside and Sonam Zoksang, an exhibit on the Tutors for Tibetan Children program, a slide show presentation to be put together by Christy Pollock and Geshe Dorjee. The slide show will include a list of donors contributing to the dinner and other TCIA events. The donors will also be listed on the TCIA website. A suggestion was made to give a t-shirt to large donors. James will be taking the names of donors who need to be mentioned on the website. Cost of food purchased for the dinner by Geshe and Karen will be reimbursed by the TCIA. Nancy and Anna have solicited donations from area restaurants, including The Greenhouse Grill, Little Bread Company, Thai Salal and Thep Thai.
- Ellen Thompson and Karen Chotkowski will review TCIA financials this week to establish a budget for the Dinner.
- Food for the Mystical Arts of Tibet monks will be paid for primarily by the TCIA for the dates of May 3-14. Their food cost is being supplemented by the University of Arkansas.

- The monks from the Mystical Arts of Tibet are performing April 29, 2011 at the University of Central Arkansas In Conway. Dr. Bill Gorbin has set up a website with more information.
- An invitation will be extended to Donna Woods at the Unitarian Universalist church to have the Mystical Arts of Tibet monks do a performance in Eureka Springs.
- Sarah Miller has designed the banner (3' X 20') to hang over Dickson Street. The cost is \$300 and will include the sign company's logo and Dramis Hardwood's logo along with the TCIA logo. Cost is an additional \$150 to hang the banner.
- The prayer flags made by the sangha will be hung at the Farmer's Market on Saturday, May 7, then hung along the fence bordering Razorback Park on the U of A campus.
- The TCIA is renting the Union Ballroom on Friday, May 6 for a performance of the Mystical Arts of Tibet. The rental is \$150. A poster advertising the performance will note the TCIA's support for the event. Donovan Netherland is designing the poster and Mullins Library at the UofA will do the printing.
- The Tibetan Artifacts Exhibit in the Helen Walton Reading Room of Mullins Library will be set up on Sunday, May 1 starting at 3:30 pm. Volunteers are asked to come and help set up.
- Mephram is coming into town this weekend. He will create sidewalk art all around the UofA campus in cooperation with Students for a Free Tibet. The sidewalk art will include the Eight Auspicious Symbols.
- The Wednesday night meditation class will cut kattas that will be offered for sale at the TCIA vendor table. The wholesale cost of the kattas was paid by Geshe and will be reimbursed to him. Proceed from the sales will go the TCIA.

The meeting adjourned around 8:00 pm.

Minutes taken by Karen Chotkowski.