

TCIA BOARD MEETING

Monday, September 13, 2010

Board Members Present:

Geshe Thupten Dorjee
William Symes
Karen Chotkowski,
Co-Treasurer

Board Members Absent:

James Ownbey, President
Sidney Burris, Vice President

Pam Dramis, Co-Treasurer
Jasmine Merced, Secretary

Committee Chairs Present:

None

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Christy Pollock, Community
Outreach
Cheryl Maese, Membership
Kate McNaughton, Finance &
Fundraising
Empty Chair, Student Outreach

TCIA Member/Supporters Present:

Ellen Thompson

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Fayetteville Public Library, Fayetteville, Arkansas.

OLD BUSINESS

Financial Report

- No financial report.

Committee reports

Community Outreach

- The TCIA had a booth at the Fayetteville Farmer's Market on Saturday, September 11. Geshe Dorjee and various TCIA members/supporters were present to hand out information on TCIA-related activities, including the upcoming visit of the Dalai Lama, the film/book series sponsored by the Fulbright Honors College and the Mystical Arts of Tibet. Plans are to continue sponsoring the booth on intermittent Saturdays for the rest of the market season which ends October 30. The next market appearance is planned for September 25.
- Geshe Dorjee participated in the Peace Chanting on Saturday, September 11, 2010 at St. Paul's Episcopal Church. The chanting was organized to commemorate the events of September 11, 2002 and to support non-violence among different religions.

Fundraising

- Saturday, October 30 a fundraiser for the TCIA has been scheduled. Geshe will lead a Vegetarian Gourmet Cooking Class – Indian Style menu. High tea will also be served.

Mystical Arts of Tibet Update

- The Mystical Arts of Tibet will be at the University of Arkansas September 25 – October 1, 2010.
- Construction of the Mandala will be in the Anne Kittrell Gallery in the Arkansas Student Union.
- Opening ceremony will take place on Sunday, September 26 at 2 pm in the gallery.
- The gallery will be opened to the public from 9 am to 5 pm, September 27-30, during the construction.
- The Closing Ceremony will be held on September 30 with the time to be announced. The Mandala will remain on display during the following week.
- The destruction ceremony will take place on Sunday, October 10, 2010.
- The monks will perform on Thursday, September 30 as part of the Omni Center's annual Peace Festival in the University's Greek Theater (in case of rain, the Union Theater).
- Brochures on the Mystical Arts of Tibet schedule will be available from the University Tuesday, September 14, 2010.
- To promote the appearance of the Mystical Arts of Tibet and their program, it was suggested to post announcements on facebook, contact KUAF to air public announcements and to directly e-mail sangha members. Geshe Dorjee will post on facebook. Karen will e-mail the sangha members. It was proposed that Steven Coger contact KUAF for the public service announcement.
- The student director of the Anne Kittrell Gallery, Sarah Busch, has recently resigned her position. She has been the gallery organizer. Consequently, some details of the Mystical Arts programs are still unconfirmed. The Tibetan tent was to be erected on a plaza adjacent to the gallery, but this is up in the air. Mary and Meagan (associated with Union Programs) will make banners to be displayed around campus advertising the Mandala.

Land Donation from Georgia Lance to TCIA

- Confirmation that there will be no survey done of the property donated by Georgia Lance to the TCIA due to cost. It was estimated to cost approximately \$4,000.

NEW BUSINESS

- The destruction ceremony for the Mandala will take place on October 10, 2010. Since the Mystical Arts of Tibet will leave on October 1, Geshe Dorjee has arranged for a Tibetan monk from San Antonio to come and assist with the destruction ceremony. It was proposed that the TCIA pay at least half or

all of the cost of his ticket. Geshe would pay the remainder of the difference of the ticket's cost. The estimated cost of the ticket is about \$300. The decision was tabled, pending a current financial report and consideration by a quorum of the Board.

- Georgia Lance has scheduled a Clean-Up Day for the donated land on Saturday, October 9. The times are to be announced.
- It was agreed that the website for the TCIA needs to be updated to reflect the Dalai Lama's visit in May 2011, to include local TCIA events and sangha news. Ellen Thompson has volunteered to work with James Ownbey to keep the events current on the website. She will contact James for further instruction.
- Bill Symes will donate \$200 to the TCIA to be used by Geshe for the purchase of food for the monks involved with the Mystical Arts of Tibet
- Geshe Dorjee will lead a retreat at Wattle Hollow the weekend of November 5-7, 2010
- In response to the growing sangha membership, long range intentions for obtaining permanent space for the meditation group was mentioned.

NEXT MEETING OF THE TCIA BOARD: Monday, October 11, 2010 at 6:15 pm in the Anne Henry Board Room of the Fayetteville Public Library.

Meeting adjourned at 7:44 pm.

Minutes taken by Karen Chotkowski.