

Board and Sangha Meeting - 2022 Annual Report
Jan 8th 2023 at 4:00pm

Present - Angela, Sean, Del, Andrea, Patricia Reynolds, Marianna, Leanne

Opening motivation - Angela

- **Financial report - Sean**
 - 2022 donations were down \$27,000, vs 2021. Overall expenses down approx. \$24,000 includes money for nuns sent to India. The standard formula says 50% of monthly donations go to India - means \$5,924 will go to India. We will lose \$3,300 for 2022.
- **Children of Namdroling - Angela**
 - Report on children - Sent \$102,000 since 2008 to the children
 - Angela read 2 letters of appreciation from Namdroling - from monks and nuns
- **Dharma activity at the Centre - Angela/Andrea**
 - Continuing to connect with the Lopons at Namdroling - through teaching english and editing various texts
 - As a result they are feeling very connected to our Centre - which resulted in them teaching at our Centre on Zoom
 - Programming from 2022 and continuing in 2023
 - 2022 - Khenchen teaching on Kuntuzangpo - international program - working with various languages and sanghas
 - Three teachings from Lopons in Namdroling - in June 2022
 - Lopon Rigzin Losal to start teaching weekly (Oct 2022) on the 37 practices of the Bodhisattva - which will continue in 2023.
 - Ani Samten - Oct 2022 started doing weekly (non-ritual/more mindfulness based) meditation sessions which will continue in 2023.
 - Lama Pasang - will lead us in Kuntuzangpo prayer in Jan 2023 - aspiration to continue to do this prayer regularly at our Centre with various lamas leading.
 - Monthly In house practices - Ridgzin Dupa and Yumka for maintaining our commitment to Khenchen
 - We are connecting with New York Centre for these practices - setting up the big TV in the shrine room.
 - Communications - with the help of our Admin Volunteer group
 - Monthly admin meetings to to keep our website calendar & front page & facebook page and group up to date & to send out monthly mailchimp emails
 - Chinese admin help - continuing to work with Chinese sangha volunteers to help with our Chinese sangha community.
- Discussed the challenges with the Centre:
 - Personal residence (small space) we have limitations:
 - How to deal with differing viewpoints on Co-vid in a semi public place - We have encountered many viewpoints on this whole issue with people coming to Centre not wanting to follow the rules that the Board has agreed on (stated clearly on the website)

- As a result of Co-vid, we have not yet been able to invite Lama Pasang & Khenpo Norgay to the Centre because it is very difficult to deal with the varying opinions and the risk in a small space
- Also people popping in when the Centre is not open - Centre is only open during practice sessions
- People dropping stuff to donate to the Centre without a name - there is no space in the Centre to keep anymore
- Volunteers always needed:
 - Started to get volunteers to help in Jan 2022
 - Admin & Zoom host & Tsok groups - thank you to the volunteers who are helping - could not do without the help - Happily we manage to keep the website, the monthly emails, facebook and Zoom programs going.
 - Looking for a person to take charge of all Zoom recordings and other technical issues
 - Marianna said that she would help this person to set it up and then they would maintain it for the Centre
 - Hosts required for programs - may need to cancel if we don't have any host for certain sessions.
 - Leanne said that she would step in so as not to have to cancel any sessions, but wanted to give other people an opportunity to help out. Said that she could send a message on the Whatsapp group to inform them of this.
 - Patricia offered to help with Saturday Zoom hosting - Andrea needs to set her up on the Whatsapp group and then she will need to be trained by someone.
- **Dedication** - Angela
- Meeting ended at 5:10pm