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Financial Year 2025 - Report

Motivation

Your aim should be that: for you and also for other people to develop compassion. That is so good. It is so important. The more you learn compassion, then you give less harm to others, less harm and the more benefit to others. (...) It is the source of you achieving happiness up to enlightenment, for you and every sentient being.

Lama Zopa Rinpoche

A time to rejoice!
Our hearts are full of gratitude and joy as we are writing this short report on Lhagsam's finances in 2025. Through voluntary contributions alone, Lhagsam center was able to cover rent and other ongoing expenses, support teacher travel, and offer dana in 2025. Our amazing story is made possible by a large community of generous and supporting participants, the kindness and wisdom of our teachers, the skillful guidance of our facilitators, and the countless contributions by volunteers offering their time, skills, and other resources.

Thank you, dearest reader, for being part in this journey!

With Love,
The Lhagsam Board

The following document contains a short commented report of our financial year 2025. Should you require any further information, please contact us at finance@lhagsam.ch.

Comments

1. Earnings

- Total earnings were CHF 42’672.
- Donations are our main source of income. They can be divided into membership fees (CHF 9’662), general donations (CHF 8’176), donations for events with visiting teachers (CHF 10’773), and donations for facilitators event (CHF 5’800). Additional donations were made for the new Lama Throne for our center at Gablerstrasse (CHF 1’963).
- Subtenants at our center at Gablerstrasse provide an additional source of income (CHF 4’620)
- Reimbursements are mostly related to heating cost, which are paid by a monthly lump sum and balanced out after actual use becomes known. In 2025, there were additional reimbursements by board members related to sessions with a professional coach on team building and organizational structure.

2. Expenses

- Total expenses were CHF 40’821.
- The largest expense is the center (CHF 22’607), primarily driven by rent, with smaller expenses for liability insurance and internet service.
- Online account expenses amount to CHF 1’538. The largest is googledrive, which is used for administration, and zoom, which is used for all events.
- Expenses for visiting teachers include travel expenditures and accommodation. This number is kept at a low CHF 2’149 thanks to the modesty of our teachers, and the amazing generosity of volunteers who are supporting and hosting them.
- Other event-related expenses (CHF 648), are used for ordering food, or other materials.
- The offering for visiting teachers should be at least 60% of income after direct expenses. The other 40% may be kept by the center to help finance regular expenses such as rent. Calculating (CHF 10’773-CHF 2149) * 60% equals CHF 5’174. By offering CHF 5’479, we were able to show our gratitude to our excellent teachers in 2025.
- Other offerings are for facilitators (CHF 1’212) and for the SPC (CHF 1’000). Without the joyful effort of senior practitioners, our center couldn’t flourish.
- Offerings to institutions such as the International Mahayana Institute (IMI), who supports FPMT nuns and monks, and other FPMT centers amounted to CHF 908.

3. Current assets

- Current assets are at a stable CHF 23’727.
- Accruals represent funds put aside for expenses that occurred in the previous year, but haven’t yet been paid out. In 2025, this applies to the table for Lama Throne, which has been ordered at a carpenter’s shop, and some smaller bills covering running costs.

Earnings, in CHF	**42’672**
Memberships	9’662
General Donations	8’176
Donations for Facilitator-Led Events	5’800
Donations for Events with Visiting Teachers	10’773
10th Anniversatry & Lama Throne	1’963
Subtenants at Gablerstrasse 51	4’620
Reimbursements	1’678

Expenses, in CHF	**40’821**
Rent, insurance and other venue	22’607
Online account expenses	1’538
Other administrative cost, incl. marketing	1’430
Offering to SPC	1’000
Travel Expenses for visiting Teachers	2’149
Other event related expenses	648
Offerings to visiting teachers	5’479
Offerings to facilitators	1’212
Offers to institutions (IMI, FPMT centers)	908
Lama Throne	3’850
All Expenses	

Surplus, in CHF	**1’850**

Assets	**01.01.2024**	**01.01.2025**
Current Assets	24’833	27’488
Accuals	-2’956	-3’761
Net Assets	**21’877**	**23’727**