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MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING OF BUDDHIST COUNCIL OF QUEENSLAND

MEETING DATE: July 1, 2006

TIME: 9.40am

VENUE: Jim Ferguson's home

ATTENDANCE: As Per Attendance Book

QUORUM: Yes

APOLOGIES: David Wee

CHAIRPERSON: Jim Ferguson

SECRETARY: Jim Ferguson (Acting)

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Moved: Jim Ferguson

Seconded: Chee Weng

Accepted

MATTERS ARISING OUT OF MINUTES

Resignation of Peter Lester accepted.

CORRESPONDENCE:

IN: Kim again collected mail. Request for letter of support for 44-bed aged care facility espousing Buddhist ethics – Chee knows them. CCYPCG Blue Card confirmations for Kim and Frank Story; Optus phone bill – now \$18 – Jim offers to pay then be reimbursed; Qld Multicultural Festival invitation to take a stall for 15/10/06; resignation from Peter Lester from Committee; invitation from Tibetan Buddhist Society teacher – Ven. Toby Gillies; Chee also confirms receipt of Blue Card

OUT: None

Moved: Jim Ferguson

Seconded: Kim Hollow

Accepted

MATTERS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE

Jeta Garden request for letter of support – Chee knows the proposer and says they have a connection with Chung Tian Temple and are quite credible. Kim stressed that the BCQ needs to be very visible in doing such expressions of support – Moved to support by Chee seconded by Kim and accepted to support their request.

Role of Secretary – Rachel has still to confirm her acceptance and Jim is prepared to assist – but the role does need to be confirmed – however if any other c/tee member would like to take on the role it is available – no takers! Jim confirmed he is happy to do the minute-taking as a help. The main task is handling public inquiries via phone/mail/etc. Jim needs to obtain contact details again after data loss destroyed all his records. Kim will ask Maeve and Donna to ask Lisa Healy.

TREASURER’S REPORT:

Siri did not attend and so there is no Treasurer’s report this month – to be ratified at the next meeting.

BUSINESS ON NOTICE:

a. Blue Card applications – We need to ensure that incoming and continuing members of the Committee have or will apply for the relevant Blue Card – Donna will check Lisa’s interest generally.

b. FABC Teleconference Sunday Feb 25 – Jim reported a very good teleconference. Key points were no grants to state members will be approved, however some loans may be approved subject to due diligence. We have had approval of \$1,000 for the Multicultural Festival as a loan to be repaid by Dec. 31, 2006. This is also interest free. Election of Office Bearers: President will be Mohini until Xmas then Brian in Acting capacity, Secretary is Rachel (new Vic. Delegate), Treasurer is John Waite (continuing) and Vice President is Brian. Graeme Lyall’s departure was hardly mentioned. A discussion on the Buddha statue for Japan was led and our committee agrees that the issue in principle should not have happened and that money donated from Japan should have been retained for use within Australia. Even the depiction of the Buddha is not necessarily correct. It was also discussed why the FABC members voted in favour of a project that was nothing more than a concept at that time and no due diligence of the work in progress, or consultation, was entered into; and similarly the FABC decision on their choice of web-hosting and development, without proper due diligence. Forward expenditure for the FABC includes consultation on improving systems and structures – Qld has offered our Operations Manual for collaborative use. Jim also mentioned the forthcoming visit to Australia of the Dalai Lama in 2007 and that the FABC should also become involved in the planning of that visit. The FABC also requested that each Council be represented on their website, we saying we shall link to their site rather than be hosted by them. The teleconference ran from 5pm to 7pm.

c. Multi-Cultural Festival 2006 – Now we have the \$1,000 facility – we can proceed as approved at the last meeting. Chee asked to lead the establishment of a budget, liaison with other centres and provision of food. Issue as to the logistical needs, food storage and related equipment hire, gas bottles and cookers, out-of-pocket expenses. Food types including pancakes, dhal, noodles, spring rolls, curry puffs etc. are the target. Chee and Kim agreed that they will work together to come up with a plan etc that we can submit with our application. Chee also suggested inviting participation from other groups to help work the stall and to offer 50/50 meat/vegetarian. Jim also suggested bottled water as a product also. Jim stressed the need to act quickly since application has to be in by July 10. As for the merchandise stall, again we will have Pure Land and the support of other groups too.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

None

NEXT MEETING:

DATE: August 5, 2006 **TIME:** 9.30am **VENUE:** Karuna Hospice

MEETING CLOSED: 11:00 am

CHAIRPERSON.....

SECRETARY.....

DATE: