

BUDDHIST COUNCIL OF QUEENSLAND INC. (IA29696)



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MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING

MEETING DATE: May 26, 2007

TIME: 9:55am

VENUE: Karuna House – Windsor

ATTENDANCE: Kim and Maeve Hollow, Rachel Hannam, David Wee & Jim Ferguson

QUORUM: Yes **APOLOGIES:** Donna Imeri and Chee Weng

CHAIRPERSON: Jim Ferguson

SECRETARY: Rachel Hannam

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

Minutes of the December meeting were confirmed

Moved by Jim Ferguson

Seconded by Kim Hollow

Accepted

MATTERS ARISING OUT OF MINUTES:

none

2. CORRESPONDENCE:

IN-

- a. Support letter from Federation of Australian Buddhist Councils for BCQ activities;
- b. CCYPCG Positive Notices of Blue Cards for Oi Yoke Tan and Peter Lester;
- c. Griffith University's Multi-Faith Centre program information;
- d. Request from Donor of \$500 to BEQP for Full Refund instead of passing to BESS;
- e. Membership Renewal from Langri Tangpa, Karuna Hospice Services, Inst. Of Tibetan Buddhist Healing Practices;
- f. Dalai Lama Tour – latest brochures and information updates;
- g. Email of appreciation from Griffith University's Multi-Faith Centre presentation on Practicing Buddhism under Australian Civil Law.
- h. UN observation of World Vesak Day;
- i. Proposal to setup education program from Sol Hanna in WA;
- j. Invitation to support National Seniors Week;
- k. Griffith University Multi-Faith Centre – forthcoming events
- l. Membership applications from Julie Khoo (G/C Zen Centre) and Sally Duffee, Florence Tan and Aileen Richards, Lorraine Moyes;
- m. Proxies received for the AGM this morning

OUT-

- a. Email requests to FABC and ASA seeking endorsement of BCQ's role in representing Buddhist interests in Queensland;
- b. Letter to John Cartwright, supporting in principle, the establishment of B.E.S.S.;
- c. Letters of Support to the Jeta Gardens Group for further grant submission;
- d. Letter to CCYPCG enclosing Blue Card applications for two people from the Burmese community;
- e. Provision of details for free internet listing in Australian Health Directory

MATTERS ARISING OUT OF CORRESPONDENCE:

1. New membership applications were accepted.
2. Request by \$500 BEQP donor for refund instead of being passed to BESS – agreed.

Moved by Jim Ferguson

Seconded by Maeve Hollow

Accepted

3. TREASURER'S REPORT:

\$1214.75 at start, with additions \$760 (including \$500 for BEQP), less refund \$500, Auditor \$110 and Optus \$11.13 – leaving bank balance of \$1353.62 plus cash in mail \$115 and \$50.00 petty cash.

Moved by Kim Hollow

Seconded by Rachel Hannam

Accepted

4. BUSINESS ON NOTICE:

A. DALAI LAMA IN AUSTRALIA TOUR – JUNE 13 IN BRISBANE

Jim produced 5-slides and passed them to the organisers for inclusion in the display.

B. MAY1 – MULTI-FAITH SEMINAR : BUDDHISM UNDER CIVIL LAW

Jim and Kim attended and Jim presented his paper to an audience of around 200+. The following Q&A session was also very good. It was agreed that the paper will be placed on our website.

C. 2007 MULTI-CULTURAL FESTIVAL – ROMA STREET – OCT 15

Jim attended the orientation session at West End and commented that the food-stall requirements would require a substantial commitment from supporting centres to be successful in our application and further in delivery. There is also a preference for groups who have not previously been represented.

The financial commitment for this year would be about \$250 plus any outgoings and is still very labour intensive from 6 am to about 10 pm for a group of volunteers. The stats released gave 2004 attendances as about 35,000 to 40,000, 2005 attracted 45,000 and 2006 around 45,000. This year really spans 2 days with more entertainment, but therefore requires more effort. Jim's concern is manpower to collect the books, man the stall and then return the undistributed books is quite demanding.

After discussion it was agreed that we will pass this year, to perhaps invest our funds and efforts to other alternatives, perhaps the Maleny National Inter-faith Festival 2008 or the Gold Coast Multi-cultural Festival, Harmony Day or Buddha Birthday celebrations. The focus should be more Multi-Faith / Inter-Faith than simply Multi-cultural. Jim did pass out two copies of the Qld Gov't Multicultural Directory for reference as needed.

Moved by Kim Hollow

Seconded by Rachel Hannam

Accepted

D. BUDDHIST EDUCATION IN QUEENSLAND PROGRAM (BEQP)

The outcome of the last meeting of the B.E.Q.P. on April 29 at Karuna, was the resolution to support the formation of BESS and offer all assistance to them and when they have established a formal entity, we would welcome their membership of the BCQ as another dharma organisation

The resulting Letter of Congratulations to the BESS consortium was mailed out and Jim advised that he spoke with all the associates, albeit very briefly, at the Buddha Birthday festival at Southbank, confirming with John Cartwright that he had received it and was satisfied.

Additionally, Jim also received an inquiry from Tony Salecich, chaplain at Brisbane State High School that he had been contacted by BESS claiming they were handling the teaching program. Jim explained he advised him about the Council's present uncertainty about BESS and reaffirmed the Council's position as Buddhist representative to the State govt and education dept.

Moved by Jim Ferguson

Seconded by Kim Hollow

Accepted

E. BCQ INTERNET BANKING FACILITY

Kim secured the documentation and signatures to enable Internet Banking for BCQ business with the transactions to still require two authorisations for all transactions, as exists with cheques. An amendment to our Operations Manual will follow this minute to accommodate this amendment.

Moved by Jim Ferguson

Seconded by Kim Hollow

Accepted

F. GRANT FUNDING

Jim mentioned that at the information evening for the Multi-cultural Festival he spoke with the MAQ dept re their forthcoming grant round, now to be early July. Jim stressed the need to apply for this \$5,000 facility to support our activities.

5. GENERAL BUSINESS:

Maeve raised the idea of seeking a donation to the BCQ for tickets obtained and distributed for the Boondall talk by H.H. Dalai Lama. Those who have already done or will do so, should receive a letter of appreciation for their kindness from the BCQ, from our Treasurer.

Moved by Jim Ferguson

Seconded by David Wee

Accepted

Kim also reminded the committee that in expressing mutual support for all traditions we should look at holding our meetings at different centres and to consider this for future meetings – agreed by all.

Jim expressed a motion of thanks to all the committee members for their efforts during the past term and their support for the dharma generally.

MEETING CLOSED: At 10:30 am

NEXT MEETING: July 7(*amended*) at 9:30am at Rachel Hannam's home.

Signed by President: _____ Secretary: _____ Date: __/__/07