MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING OF BUDDHIST COUNCIL OF QUEENSLAND

MEETING DATE: May 27, 2006                TIME: 9:30am

VENUE: Karuna House

ATTENDANCE: As Per Attendance Book

QUORUM: Yes                Noted that scheduled May 20 meeting failed to make a quorum!

APOLOGIES: Chee Weng, Rachel Hannam

CHAIRPERSON: Jim Ferguson                SECRETARY: Jim Ferguson (Acting)

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Moved: Jim Ferguson                Seconded: Kim Hollow                Accepted

MATTERS ARISING OUT OF MINUTES

None

CORRESPONDENCE:

IN: Kim collected mail; phone a/c from Optus for $9; preliminary information from Multicultural festival for 2006; Vesak greeting letter from FABC; National Sangha Conference; Audit from Noel Box Auditor approving our records; emails re Gyuto monks tour of Esk; Gold Coast Multicultural festival for 2007 Harmony Day; several proxy votes for this AGM – 17 in total received by Jim & 7 proxies received by Kim.

OUT: Jim mailed out and emailed all members re failure to make quorum last week seeking support through proxy or in person.

Moved: Jim Ferguson                Seconded: Peter Lester                Accepted

MATTERS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE

None.

TREASURER’S REPORT:

Siri reported current balance in bank is $1072.54 plus the $50 held in cash from last meeting.

Moved: Siri Fernando                Seconded: Kim Hollow                Accepted
BUSINESS ON NOTICE:

a. **Website and Internet presence** – Kim urged that we get the new website operational as the highest priority to disseminate information. Subsequent to the AGM outcome, we shall aim to update all details on the web-presence as quickly as possibly. Peter raised that Buddhanet still contains very stale information but we shall get the amendments uploaded as quickly as possible.

b. **Multi-Cultural Festival 2006** – Jim mentioned that at the failed meeting last week, Chee indicated his support for us to stage a food stall that he can steer. Jim said we need to review the requirements for stall holders with the closing date of July 10 for applications. Jim also mentioned that Ven. Wu of Pureland has indicated their support for the merchandise stall as last year. Peter suggested also looking at the idea of obtaining the free publications if the Council doesn’t have too large a freight bill, etc. Proposed by Jim that we now proceed to take both food & merchandise stalls at MCF in October, with approach to FABC for funds etc and Chee to head details.

   Moved by Jim  Seconded: Kim Hollow  Accepted

c. **2006 AGM** – Jim formally moved a motion of thanks for the support of the committee members for the past year. A discussion was held on the inclusion of sangha votes by proxy as being acceptable.

   Moved by Jim  Seconded by Siri  Accepted.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

a. Gold Coast City Council invitation to workshop a Multicultural Festival for Harmony Day in March 2007 – agreed that Kim will follow up assuming her is re-elected.

   Moved by Jim  Seconded by Siri  Accepted

b. Kim moved a vote of thanks to Jim for his role as president

   Moved by Kim  Seconded by Peter  Accepted

NEXT MEETING:

**DATE:** July 1, 2006  **TIME:** 9.30am  **VENUE:** Karuna Hospice

MEETING CLOSED: 10.15 am