

BUDDHIST COUNCIL OF QUEENSLAND INC.

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MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING OF BUDDHIST COUNCIL OF QUEENSLAND

MEETING DATE: April 29, 2006

TIME: 10.00am

VENUE: Karuna House

ATTENDANCE: As Per Attendance Book

QUORUM: Yes

APOLOGIES: Chee Weng, Siri Fernando

CHAIRPERSON: Jim Ferguson

SECRETARY: Jim Ferguson (Acting)

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Moved: Jim Ferguson

Seconded: Peter Lester

Accepted

MATTERS ARISING OUT OF MINUTES

None

CORRESPONDENCE:

IN: Kim collected mail; Letter inviting support for a Tibetan tour; Auditor's report from Noel Box; New Retreat Centre at Tallara NSW; copy of Chorten newsletter; CCYPCG letter confirming issue of Blue Card to Jim Ferguson to April 6, 2008; Gold Coast City Council invitation for additional seminars; Optus reminder a/c.; report from Kim on his visit to Pureland College in Toowoomba; emails received seeking local dharma centres & teaching news from Rongton Centre.

OUT: Brisbane State High School letters of authority for right-of-entry for Yong Soon Barnett, Thanh Le and Jim Ferguson; letter of support for Brisbane Vihara.

Moved: Jim Ferguson

Seconded: Rachel Hannam

Accepted

MATTERS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE

None.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Audit received from Noel Box giving favourable endorsement – anomaly between stub and statement entry on Insurance premium payment \$51.04 should be \$551.04 – amended stub accordingly. Noted that our Public Liability insurance does not cover major events outside our normal activities. e.g.

Multicultural Festival. Items approved for payment – Optus \$9, Noel Box \$100, Kim Hollow \$12.95 reimburse gift to Pureland College (book).

Moved: Jim Ferguson

Seconded: Rachel Hannan

Accepted

BUSINESS ON NOTICE:

a. Policy Manual – Jim formally presented the final draft of the manual for approval emphasising the agreement of the Council to apply a risk management approach to every decision the Council makes. Discussion of the document followed explaining its implementation and on-going updating. Kim moved of thanks to Jim for his work, seconded by Rachel and carried. To add letterhead and cards to forms register after the next AGM. This document will be loaded up to website also.

Moved: Jim Ferguson

Seconded: Rachel Hannam

Accepted

b. Blue Card applications – Rachel has sent off the form for Frank Storey. When each person receives their notice, we need to record them in a yet-to-be-created register. Peter Lester will be completing his this week.

c. Brisbane State High RE teachers – Yong Soon Barnett completed term 1 and Thanh Le is continuing. Jim is now filling in for Yong Soon for this Term, but may have a lady available for the remainder of the year and explained how classes are conducted – quite rewarding also. Discussed potential impact of changes to RE at government level – Jim to be speaking with their chaplain in next 2 weeks. Expanded discussion on the merits of teaching dharma in schools and the expectation that this will continue to grow into a larger focus of the Council.

d. Website and Internet presence – Josh has agreed to continue with the development but has been very busy with other projects at the moment but should hopefully get back to it in the coming couple of weeks. Jim is compiling information to feed into the site. Jim said he may alter the current site in the interim.

e. Multi-Cultural Festival 2006 – Discussion about the Thai Wat opening and Chee's stall produced about \$500 despite free food being given out. Jim sought the agreement to approach the FABC for the \$1000 but to ask Chee to head the planning for the event and to also seek the support of the other Centres and to also consider if we also operate an information stall too. Agreed to discuss with Chee next meeting. As to what to do with funds received Jim suggested some can be directed to reimbursing volunteer activity with out-of-pocket travel expenses etc for things like Religious Education etc. If Chee cant help then another review will need to be developed.

f. 2006 AGM – Jim stressed the need to ensure a quorum – which now stands at 32 members due to the change to membership structure – with proxies now admissible, hopefully we will have the numbers necessary.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- a. FABC notice circulated re endorsement request of a Cambodian monk. Stand is not to endorse the request and we fully support this position. Also noted that Graeme Lyall has informally advised his resignation from the FABC without any other known notice.
- b. Chung Tian Temple is holding the Buddha's Birthday Festival at Southbank next weekend. While the council has had no formal invitation, Jim suggested we send a letter offering support and he will do this while also attending the event. Jim asked who else may be attending and Jim said he will include these names as attending unofficially – agreed.

- c. Rachel raised potential support for the Dharma School Sunday School to approach Karuna for use of their facilities on a Sunday morning – agreed the Council will support such an approach.
- d. Kim presented his report on the visit to Pureland College at Toowoomba and their on-going commitment to support the Council. They will be supporting the next Multi-cultural Festival stand we operate.
- e. Kim sought an invitation for David Wee of the Old Zen Centre to join our committee – due to the imminent nature of the AGM, suggested he attend the AGM and stand for election. He is an accountant and is interested in helping.
- f. Jim thanked all committee members for their contributions through the year.

NEXT MEETING:

DATE: May 20, 2006

TIME: 9.30am

VENUE: Karuna Hospice

MEETING CLOSED: 11:31 am

CHAIRPERSON.....

SECRETARY.....

DATE: