

BUDDHIST COUNCIL OF QUEENSLAND INC.

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MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING OF BUDDHIST COUNCIL OF QUEENSLAND

MEETING DATE: 3rd September 2005

VENUE: Karuna House

ATTENDANCE: As Per Attendance Book

QUORUM: Yes

APOLOGIES: Chee Wong, Rob Assink, Langri Tangpa Centre, delayed: Siri Fernando, Kunga Choling-Melissa Noble

CHAIRPERSON: Jim Ferguson

SECRETARY: Lynn O'Connor.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Moved: Terry O'Connor

Seconded: Kim Hollow

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

Business arising from previous minutes will be covered under Business on Notice.

CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence was listed and tabled. A letter was received with a \$100 donation from Tung Shan Monastery at Rochedale.

TREASURER'S REPORT

In the absence of the Treasurer the Vice-President gave the report. The statement balance in the account is \$568.31. In addition, we have received membership fees from six groups, plus the donation from Tung Shan Monastery. We are now able to pay for Public Liability insurance cover.

BUSINESS ON NOTICE

- a. Multi-Cultural Festival. We have been formally accepted as stall holders. Jim gave an explanation of the way the Multi-Cultural Festival will work. He also invited all member centres to participate (on a roster format) in the Festival with us. All participants will be able to promote their Temples and Groups. They may also put brochures and books on the stall for giving away to the general public. It is being held at the Roma Street Parklands on the 2nd of October 2005.
- b. Buddhist Holy Relics Exhibition. The opening day of this exhibition held at the Phat Da Buddhist Monastery in Inala was excellent, most of the Committee attended on behalf of the BCQ. Jim thanked all who attended. The committee also made a donation (not from BCQ funds) of \$100 on behalf of the BCQ.
- c. Internet. Basically, there has been a change of Webmaster. At the next committee meeting we will be looking at upgrading the website. It is proposed that we use the site for passing on

information to Member Groups and the general public. If anyone has any suggestions for the website please email Jim at jim@karuna.org.au . All suggestions will be taken seriously.

- d. Memberships and Subscriptions. We mailed out invoices to all Centres in QLD for \$50 membership fees. We have had a few responses and now have six new members. This brings our paid members total to eight.

GENERAL BUSINESS

- a. Interfaith – Palliative Care. A summary was given out for members to consider a formal support for this venture. The project has seven deliverables aimed at:
 - 1. providing service guidelines, and role descriptions for Pastoral Care workers
 - 2. developing competencies and credentialing process
 - 3. developing recommendations regarding selection, appointment, induction, supervision and professional development
 - 4. liaising with the training sector to promote affordable, competency based education
 - 5. promoting the agreed operational guidelines
 - 6. developing a process of education about the Code of Conduct and
 - 7. making recommendations to enhance continuity of pastoral care across the continuum of care.

Motion made by Jim was that the Project as defined by Queensland Health Research Project be that the Buddhist Council of Queensland formally supports this initiative of the Queensland Government.

Moved: Jim Ferguson

Seconded: Kim Hollow

Carried

- b. Buddhist Peace Fellowship. Jeff Brunne was introduced by Jim to give an explanation of this organization. It was formed in 1978 by Jack Kornfield, Thich Nat Hahn and Robert Aitken in Honolulu. It is about taking the Buddhist practice from a personal meditating one to taking the practice out into the world and achieving some good for other people, as well as being true to your own practice at the same time. More can be found on the BPF website at www.bpf.org . A new chapter is being formed in Brisbane by Jeff.
- c. Terry O'Connor explained why he abstained from voting for the Qld Health Project support. As the representative of the BCQ at the meetings of the Multi-Faith Forum, he feels that the Forum is not covering all Faiths, only the main Christian ones. That not enough work is being done by the Multi-Faith Forum to encourage other religious groups to take part in formulating Pastoral Care involvement. It was decided that this topic would be followed up at the next committee meeting.
- d. Jim suggested that we change General Meetings to take place bi-monthly. Jim also suggested that if other Centres wished to host any of the BCQ meetings, it would be graciously accepted.

Minutes for the General Meeting held on the 25th June 2005 were read out by Jim Ferguson as they were overlooked for acceptance at the last General Meeting.

Moved: Kim Hollow

Seconded: Terry O'Connor

Accepted

NEXT MEETING: Saturday 5th November 2005

TIME: 10.30am

VENUE: Karuna House

MEETING CLOSED: 11.36am

CHAIRPERSON

SECRETARY

DATE