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MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING OF BUDDHIST COUNCIL OF QUEENSLAND

MEETING DATE: 5TH November 2005

VENUE: Karuna House

TIME: 10.43am

ATTENDANCE: As Per Attendance Book

QUORUM: Yes

APOLOGIES: Rachel Hannam, Pureland College

CHAIRPERSON: Jim Ferguson

SECRETARY: Lynn O'Connor.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Moved : Kim Hollow

Seconded : Chee Wong

CORRESPONDENCE:

Read out and tabled

- a. Jim explained about a letter from Ren Adams about Child Maltreatment Data. This is being followed up by the FABC.
- b. Buddha Bar – a discussion/talk by Jim Ferguson.

Correspondence was accepted.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The balance in the bank is \$1245.81

Moved: Lynn O'Connor

Seconded: Peter Lester

Carried

BUSINESS ON NOTICE:

1. QLD Multicultural Festival. This was the biggest undertaking by the BCQ so far and was a resounding success. The official count for the day (2nd Oct) was 45,000 attendees. An official on the day approached Jim Ferguson and said that our stall was the most popular information stall there. We must thank Pureland College for their participation. They supplied pallets of books, Mala beads etc. Also, Chenrezig Institute supplied manpower and newsletters. Other thanks go to Rongton Buddhist Centre, Karuna Hospice, Arya Tara Gold Coast Buddhist Centre, Brisbane Buddhist Vihara and Chung Tian Temple. Special thanks to Chee Wong for his assistance in approaching the Cambodian Temple and Wat Thai Temple. They lent the BCQ bunting and Buddhist flags to dress up the marquee. Jim suggested that rather than wait we get organized early and consider joining the Festival again next year. Chee Wong suggested that we think about having a Food Stall next time.

It was also explained that we had to pay \$175.00 for the marquee. The festival committee were originally going to give us the stall free but they had so many Information stalls that it wasn't viable to do that.

a. It is proposed that we agree to participate again next year.

Moved: Jim Ferguson

Seconded: Kim Hollow

Motion Carried

b. It was also proposed that we have a Food Stall next year.

Moved: Chee Wong

Seconded: Kim Hollow

Motion Carried

2. Membership and Subscriptions – We have approximately 15 Group Members and 1 Individual Member.

Membership structure is to be discussed at the Committee Meeting that is being held after this meeting. Specifically, the concept of having individual and group memberships. We will be discussing how we can be more representative of the Buddhist community in Queensland.

Jim opened the floor for discussion, there were no comments made.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Jim opened the floor for topics.

Peter Lester suggested that we get information on getting free books from the Corporate Body of the Buddha Education Foundation. The discussion covered the cost of shipping (the books are free) and the storage of books.

Jim said we could possibly approach them about distributing books for them. We could also promote the books on the BCQ website or distribute them at specific functions. Jay Maharage agreed with the latter two suggestions.

Peter Lester proposed that we contact the Body Corporate to see what benefit we can be to each other and to further promote their services to Buddhists in Queensland.

Moved: Peter Lester

Seconded: Kim Hollow

Motion Carried

It was also suggested that we explore the possibility of funding by a grant or other in association with the distribution of Dhamma books and participation in community events.

Moved: Bruce Monley

Seconded: Lynn O'Connor

Motion Carried

Kim suggested that we have our Bi-Monthly general meeting to correspond with our committee meetings. It was decided that we would have the committee meetings prior to the general meetings.

NEXT MEETING: January 28th 2006

TIME: 11am

VENUE: Karuna House

MEETING CLOSED: 11.34am

CHAIRPERSON.....

SECRETARY.....

DATE.....

