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MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING OF BUDDHIST COUNCIL OF QUEENSLAND

MEETING DATE: January 28, 2006

VENUE: Karuna House

TIME: 11:06am

ATTENDANCE: As Per Attendance Book

QUORUM: Yes

APOLOGIES: Chee Weng, Peter Lester

CHAIRPERSON: Jim Ferguson **SECRETARY:** Lynn O'Connor (Acting)

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Moved : Siri Seconded : Jim Ferguson Accepted

CORRESPONDENCE:

It was announced that resignations had been received from four committee members at the Committee Meeting prior and that Lynn was taking the minutes of this meeting in an acting capacity.

Moved: Kim Hollow Seconded: Jim Ferguson Accepted.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The balance in the bank is \$413.09 plus \$350 in subscriptions received

Moved: Jim Seconded: Kim Hollow Accepted

BUSINESS ON NOTICE:

a. Extraordinary General Meeting – February 25 – Change to memberships

Jim detailed the proposed changes determined by the Committee to correct the anomaly in the Rules identified by the OFT. The recommendation of the Committee is to abolish the current structure and replace it with unlimited numbers of (1) Ordinary and (2) Life members (with 1 vote each) and (3) Associate and Honorary (no voting rights) and the opportunity for group(1) members to be recognised as Centres and/or Families with discount on the \$20 pa membership fee. Jim asked if everyone had received the notice and it was believed they had. A request to change Karuna's email to yk@karuna.org.au. Kim asked how we will determine a quorum for the EGM vote and Jim said we will have to work that out before the vote is taken. Kim suggested we should phone around prior to ensure adequate representation. Proxy votes can now also be received. Jim urged all members to attend the EGM.

b. Blue Card Requirement for Management Committee Members

Jim detailed outcome of attendance at a Blue Card seminar he attended last year that affects this Council since our aims include education of youth. The new legislation requires all such committee members to hold a Blue Card and to satisfy that, the current committee is proceeding to obtain these cards. The reason for tabling this at this meeting is to put on notice the requirement that future committee members must also hold a Blue Card to assume their role, so future prospects need to be mindful of this requirement. The seminar was held by the Department for Children, Young People and the Child Guardian – managers of the Blue Card system and the legislation covers all forms of organisations that work with children.

c. New Council Website

Jim introduced the draft website developed by Josh Birtles that can be viewed at www.buddhistcoqld.barnesmedia.com.au and all comments are welcome and is purely a draft and definitely not a recommendation from the Committee for ratification. Josh’s contribution has been free of cost

GENERAL BUSINESS:

a. Resignation of three committee members.

This arose due to the decision of the three members resigning from their host centre and therefore not being eligible to hold positions in this council. Lynn O’Connor’s contribution was noted. She outlined the role but no one offered to take on the role. A formal thank you was moved to Lynn and Terry O’Connor and Jay Maharage for their support It also included an invitation to all to rejoin as individual members should the special resolution be passed.

Moved: Kim Hollow

Seconded: Jim

Accepted

b. Religious Education at Brisbane State High

Bruce Monley introduced the request by the Chaplain of Brisbane State High School for buddhist teachers for the R.E. section of their syllabus, starting in March. Terry previously did that but not recently. Bruce was asked to provide further particulars that can be followed up at committee level. Jim suggested involving sangha would be desirable.

c. Updating website information

A request to amend website details was received and Jim advised that he is acting as webmaster at the moment and any changes canbe emailed direct to him at jimferguson1@bigpond.com for inclusion.

NEXT MEETING: February 25th 2006 (Extraordinary General Meeting)

TIME: 10:30 am

VENUE: Karuna House

MEETING CLOSED: 11.56am

CHAIRPERSON.....

SECRETARY.....

DATE.....