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MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING OF BUDDHIST COUNCIL OF QUEENSLAND

MEETING DATE: September 16, 2006

TIME: 9.30am

VENUE: Karuna House - Windsor

ATTENDANCE: As Per Attendance Book

QUORUM: Yes

APOLOGIES: Chee Weng

CHAIRPERSON: Jim Ferguson

SECRETARY: Rachel Hannam

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Moved: Kim Hollow

Seconded: Donna Imeri

Accepted

MATTERS ARISING OUT OF MINUTES

None

CORRESPONDENCE:

- IN:**
1. Email from Ayra Tara Serling – G/Coast advising of changes for website – done.
 2. Letter from Stupa for Peace – Alan Carter seeking support for stupa at Southbank.
 3. Proposal from Bruce Bickerstaff offering rebate for Members insuring through him.
 4. Invitation to fund-raiser for HHDL – movie “Cave of the Yellow Dog” @ Palace Centro
 5. Contract from Premiers Dept for Multicultural Festival on Oct. 15
 6. Letter from Children’s Resource Centre in Sri Lanka seeking support.
 7. Chorten newsletter
 8. Invitation from Al Grassby Multicultural Foundation for fund-raising dinner @ Irish Club
 9. Griffith Uni. Multi-Faith Centre re International Day of Peace event for children
 10. Domain Registry in USA – spam – nfa.
 11. Children’s Commission – a positive notice for Rachel Hannam i.e. Blue Card
 12. Brochure from Mind and Its Potential seminar in Sydney & book catalog from Windhorse Publications
 - 13 Optus phone a/c for \$9.00 – payment agreed.

- OUT:**
1. from Kim to Ven. Wu of Pureland College advising of our presence at MCF at Southbank
 2. Submission lodged on-line for the Living in Harmony Grant – receipt of lodgement Aug 25, 06.
 3. Letter to Dalai Lama in Australia advising offer of help but inability to underwrite visit.

Moved: Kim Hollow

Seconded: Donna Imeri

Accepted

MATTERS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE

Item 11. Kim will give Chee the forms to obtain Blue Card as required under legislation.
Some items for discussion in Business on Notice and General Business below.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Kim advises that our bank balance after previous expenses paid is \$922.07 plus \$50.00 in petty cash, making a total cash funds balance of \$972.07. We still need to obtain details of 1 cheque not yet presented, drawn on FABC and three missing statements to be ordered. Jim moved that any costs to be spent in obtaining these be spent and for current accounts of the and Optus phone a/c (\$9.00) be paid.

Moved: Jim Ferguson

Seconded: Rachel Hannam

Accepted

BUSINESS ON NOTICE:

- a. **Multi-Cultural Festival 2006** – Jim suggested we use the organizer's public liability insurance rather than our own, since our's may not apply. Jim moved that the MCF fees (\$176.00) + PL Insurance (\$80.00) be paid and contract be returned to the Premier's Department. Seconded by Rachel Hannam and accepted. David mentioned the clause requiring BCQ indemnification for event liabilities that would be covered under their own policy. Re staffing and stocking of stand, Jim advised Karuna and Mandala Books will be providing materials and possibly manpower, Pureland is supplying 20 cartons of books and CDs etc. from Calamvale. Rachel has offered her trailer to collect the books. Qld Zen Centre will be providing some people and herself, Jim and Kim will setup, Jim plans to stay the whole day. Julie will be asked to also assist. Jim said 4 people at a time is good. We need to still secure bunting, flags etc. or come up with alternatives. Kim suggested trying to obtain our own and Jim added we still the sign he donated last year. Buddhist flags would be very useful if we can source somewhere. Donna said she will look at fabric for tables etc. Colour needs to be eye-catching if possible. David suggested the benefit if we have a receipt book available on the day and Jim said he will bring one. David added it would be good if members of the sangha could be present. Kim mentioned the inability to sell or collect donations and it was agreed to provide some self-addressed envelopes. Kim moved we have 2,000 colourbrochures printed with bank details, and 2,000 gloss/matt colour business cards printed for distribution – quotes to be received by Kim and Jim and best offers accepted, seconded by Kim and carried. Jim will also print new ID badges for those attending.
- b. **Gold Coast Multicultural Festival 2007** – Kim has reservations about its viability, and has had no further news from the GCCC.
- c. **Dalai Lama in Brisbane** – Jim reported that Ven. Yeshe Khadro had spoken with him to see if the Council might be able to spread the request for underwriting of the visit. Discussion determined best method would be to mail information to all Qld. Centres in conjunction with other plans rather than impersonal emails. David proposed sending a letter to all dharma centres supporting the Dalai Lama's Visit in 2007 with supporting information, seconded by Donna Imeri and carried. It was noted that there does not appear to be much promotion so far. David added that the emphasis should be in promoting the visit from a spiritual aspect and not political re Tibet *per se*.
- d. **Bruce Bickerstaff Insurance Proposal** – Rachel received an invitation from this Insurance Broker, of AIA Financial Services, offering a rebate to the Council on the first year's premiums from any dharma centre signing up with him for insurance. Discussion followed that full Council disclosure would be required and the conditions attached are not practicable, despite his enthusiasm. Resolved that the Council would not support the proposal since it does not fit the mission of the Council.
- e. **Other Potential Grant Sources** – Rachel introduced some alternative funding sources that we may be able to tap into if we are unsuccessful with the Living in Harmony Grant – tabled for future reference.
- f. **Website Development** – Jim has asked for contributions from all and Josh has only limited time available, so Jim has asked again for contributions. Rachel proposed that members should forward their favourite links to form the backbone of our web presence and retaining most of the present content but with some shuffling it about into a fresher form. Also proposed a "What's

New" / "Events" and endorsement of Josh's proposal, but no user-accessible "blog" or form facility. Seconded by Jim and all proposals carried.

- g. **Living in Harmony Grant** – Jim submitted the application for this grant after many obstacles at the grantor's end. The submission amount is \$38,300 and thanks to the Donna's leads and other information provided by the c/tee we4 have a sound application in place. Jim said his main concern is the fact the Council has not previously won a similar grant and so has no track record to offer this submission.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- a. **Request from Alan Carter via Karuna seeking the Council's support for a proposal to erect a stupa in Southbank Parklands.** The proposed cost is \$25,000 and will be of the same size and form as that built at Karuna, with the long-term option of erecting further stupas at Roma Street Parklands, Mt Coot-tha Botanical Gardens etc if the first is successful. Jim said he will email information for further discussion. The proposal is for future development to be either as a Joint Venture or as a BCQ activity. Jim said the Karuna stupa is a Namgyalma stupa, and the one proposed for Southbank is Kalachakra. David raised a potential issue concerning the impact of a stupa in a public space and the potential for it to be damaged, or otherwise received unfavourably. Donna identified Qld's multicultural flavour and that Southbank is an inherently safe area and it is a declaration of peace, with David still stressing that the multicultural issues need to be fully addressed. Jim added that built into Alan's initial costing is a maintenance component which would undoubtedly cover things like graffiti etc. It was agreed that such issues should be raised with Alan before any final determination be made and Jim will pass them back to Alan. Donna also mentioned the success and popularity of the Brisbane Buddha's display in the Town Hall and Jim added that the orgnaisers told him that while there were a few complaints the overall response was great support.
- b. **Visit by Ven. II Kwan Sunim** – unannounced and introduced around.
- c. **Dalai Lama Fund-raiser** – email invitation to attend a fund-rasing movie for the Dalai Lama's visit – Jim will seek 14-20 tickets for the Council from the organisers.

NEXT MEETING:

DATE: October 7, 2006 **TIME:** 9.30am **VENUE:** Karuna Hospice

MEETING CLOSED: 11:36 am

CHAIRPERSON.....

SECRETARY.....

DATE: