

## MEMORANDUM

**Betsuin Board Bullets**  
**January 03, 2013 Betsuin Board of Directors Meeting**  
by Joyce Iwasaki

The intent of the Betsuin Board Bullets is to highlight Board actions, decisions, special events and projects. Please contact the Betsuin board officers, directors, or the ministers for more details on any item.

The January Board Meeting was conducted without a quorum. Reports and various discussions took place. Motions were not brought to the floor.

- o **Ministers' Report**

The Joya-E (New Year's Eve) Service was well attended, especially with a significant number of Japanese Nationals who apparently read articles in the Japanese language newspapers regarding the traditional ringing of the temple bell.

The Shusho-E (New Year's Day) Service was also well attended with a significant number of people entering the hondo after the service to do oshoko.

- o **Infrastructure Committee Report – Janice Doi**

The Committee interviewed two architectural firms and is in the process of interviewing a third. The Committee will then make a recommendation to the Board out of the three. The Board asked to schedule a study session prior to the February 7<sup>th</sup> Board meeting to focus on the recommended firm's concepts. A study session is scheduled for Thursday, January 31<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 pm in the Board Room. All Board members are encouraged to attend.

- o **Property Management Report – Steve Onishi**

- Fire Inspection of the facility was completed by the San Jose Fire Department on November 26, 2012. Four minor violations were noted with the most significant being the lack of certification of the fire retardant treatment of the curtains on the stage in the gym. The others were pertaining to the use of extension cords, fire sprinkler test records and hanging fire extinguishers.

Subsequently, the 1995 certificate was found.

The issue now becomes is the 1995 certificate on record sufficient or will we need to treat/replace the curtains? Steve will seek Jim McClure's advice.

In the meantime, Steve is investigating the potential cost of on-site cleaning and flame retardant treatment of the curtains on the stage as well as for the curtains in the multi-purpose room. The vendor will provide the State Fire Marshall Certificate upon completion of the procedure. Steve is also researching the potential cost of replacement of the curtains.

- **Building Maintenance Updates**

A leak in the roof of the gym (directly over the south entrance) was noted during the recent heavy rains. A roofing contractor was contacted and has completed the repairs on that section of the roof.

During a recent annual Boy Scout event held on the premises at the end of December, six flood lights in the gym as well as more than twenty fluorescent lights around the multi-purpose room, kitchen and classrooms were replaced.

The Scouts also cleaned up the area between the kitchen and 6<sup>th</sup> Street building to prepare for the upcoming Coast District YBA conference which will be held on our premises.

- **Dana Club Report – Al Hironaga**

- The Dana Club helped at the Yu-Ai Kai Bonnenkai end-of-year party on December 8, 2012. Ten members provided cookies, helped to prepare the cabbage salad and helped to prepare the servings for the luncheon.
- Eleven members of the Dana Club performed food sorting at Second Harvest Food Bank on Wednesday, December 12, 2012. The Dana Club volunteers sorted and boxed oranges, which were distributed to needy local families and food kitchens. Our next support of Second Harvest will be in March.
- The Dana Club is spearheading the Betsuin support of the **Stop Hunger Now** activity sponsored by the Wesley United Methodist Church on Sunday, February 24, 2013. The goal is to prepare 10,000 packages of food that can be distributed to hungry people around the world. Wesley needs to raise \$2500.00 to fund this project. The Dana Club is coordinating our Betsuin support of this activity and has contacted Betsuin organizations to solicit volunteers to package food and donate cash to help fund the project. Wesley has limited the number of volunteers by each organization, and our Betsuin has been allotted 30 positions. To date, we have collected over \$870.00, including the \$501.58 osaisen collected during the Bodhi Day service. We also have 26 volunteers signed up to help, with room for four additional volunteers. This is a great opportunity for our Japantown churches to work together on this important project.

- **EcoSangha Report – Al Hironaga**

The EcoSangha is nearing the end of its athletic shoe recycling drive, in connection with the Nike Reuse-A-Shoe program. The goal is to collect 500 pairs of athletic shoes, which will be shipped to the Nike facility where the

different shoe parts are ground up to make padding for tracks, athletic fields and indoor gyms. Over 420 pairs have been collected so far. Shoes are being collected in the Betsuin office. Once the 500 pairs are collected, the athletic shoe collection effort will end.