

Betsuin Board Bullets
August 02, 2012 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.

Guest attending the Board Meeting: Jim McClure

o **Correspondence**

Notification from the Mitsuko Suyeishi Trust of a \$5,000 donation to the Betsuin was presented.

A thank you letter was received from Dr Kenji Akahoshi for the registration subsidy from the Betsuin for his attendance at the July 19 – 21, 2012 BCA Kyoshi preparation class.

o **Decisions/Resolutions Pending Due to a Lack of a Quorum**

Approval of the May 2012 Board Meeting minutes.

Approval of the June 2012 Board Meeting minutes.

o **Request for Additional Concrete Surface on the Sixth Street Property** from Jim McClure

A previous concrete surface request and approval for a portion on the 6th Street property was completed after Obon.

At this meeting, Jim McClure presented another concrete surface request for another portion on the 6th Street property. As with the previous request, safety is the primary purpose of this request.

Jim presented a diagram of the area which included the new section that needs concrete. He also presented an estimate from the company of Ted Gonzales.

The Board requested Jim present at least two additional estimates at the September Board meeting.

o **Reverend Tsumura's Passing and Service**

The Board expresses its sincerest sympathies to the family of Reverend Junjo Tsumura. The funeral service is sponsored by the Homba Hongwanji of Hawaii, the Buddhist Churches of America (BCA), and the San Jose Buddhist Church Betsuin which will be held on August 10, 2012 at the San Jose Betsuin. Officiants of the service are Bishop Eric Matsumoto (Homba Hongwanji of Hawaii), Bishop Umezu (BCA) and Rinban Fujimoto. Rev. Sakamoto is the service chairperson.

The Betsuin ministers, office staff, organizations and sangha members are coordinating various tasks and components of the funeral. The Buddhist Women's Association (BWA) is coordinating the otoki by preparing and ordering most of the items as well as coordinating with the other organizations to provide supplemental food such as salads and desserts. The

Adult Buddhist Association (ABA) will coordinate desserts. Sangha Support will coordinate salads. BWA is also coordinating food servers and staffing for the otoki, are asking for all able-bodied people for dishwashing and clean up. ABA, the Scouts and other youth groups are setting up the annex for overflow guests.

BWA is also providing meals prior to the service for the ministers, representatives and family.

- **Ministers' Report**

The ministers thanked Jim McClure and the Obon Committee as well as everyone who helped and participated in this year's Obon Festival and services.

The Hatsubon Service was held on Saturday, July 21 for those who passed on between the last Obon to the recent Obon.

The Obon Service was held on Sunday, July 22 with Rev. Dr. David Matsumoto (Berkeley Buddhist Temple and the Institute of Buddhist Studies) as guest speaker for the English Service. We were fortunate to have Rev. Koken Sugao as the guest speaker at the Japanese Service. Rev. Sugao shared his insight of how the Nembutsu is communicated in Brazil and South America.

- **2012 Priority Setting Committees**

- Infrastructure Committee Report by Ruth Shikada

The Infrastructure Committee continues to prepare the Board to make the best possible and sensible recommendation for the annex project. As pursuant to a previous Board request, Janice Doi handed out drawings and information for a new structure option. These drawings and information were completed by Hayashida Architects.

With this newest set of drawings and information that was presented at this Board meeting, the Committee is confident the Board will be able to make a recommendation at the September Board Meeting.

The Sangha members will be invited to learn more about the Board's findings and recommendations and will have an opportunity to ask questions. A postcard will be mailed to the membership inviting members to the September 06, 2012 Board meeting as well as to an informational meeting on September 22, 2012 at 9:00 am in the multipurpose room.

- Membership Report by Mas Horiuchi

A membership information table was set up during Obon practice and a membership booth was set up near the entrance of the hondo during Obon weekend. These two ways of outreaching to people generated interest.

Organization Day will take place on September 09, 2012 in conjunction to the first day of Dharma School. This event gives the Betsuin organizations an opportunity to highlight their activities and to encourage participation.

- **Budget and Finance Committee**

Janice Doi reminded all Board vice presidents and committee chairs to submit their budget requests to Bud Mine by the September Board meeting.

- **Communications Committee Report** by Joyce Iwasaki

The committee met on July 28 mainly to discuss the recent website virus attacks and the steps Roy Batchelor, the Betsuin Webmaster, took to rebuild the site. Since this rebuilding process and placing stronger security blocks, the site should be secure and visitors should feel safe while visiting our site.

Roy Batchelor (roy@monkeybots.com) and Roy Yamanouchi (ryamanouchi@sbcglobal.net) both continue to be available for tech support and posting assistance.