

Betsuin Board Bullets
February 02, 2012 Betsuin Board of Directors Meeting
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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.

Guests attending the Board Meeting: Linda Tsukamoto, Kathlynn Uenaka, Ray Batchelor, Norm Tanaka

o **Presentations**

On behalf for the Junior Girls Scout Troop 61331, Linda Tsukamoto and Kathlynn Uenaka presented a written proposal to the Board, addressed questions and concerns of the troop's Bronze Award project. The project consists of painting the panels underneath the annex stage.

On behalf of the Betsuin Communications Committee, Roy Batchelor presented Betsuin website information on recent improvements, implementation of a new platform, and ways groups can post information fairly quickly and easily.

On behalf of the Nikkei Matsuri Committee, Norm Tanaka presented a proposal for a facilities fee waiver for a fundraiser in conjunction with the 2012 35th Anniversary of the Nikkei Matsuri Festival.

o **Motions**

It was moved/seconded/passed to accept the January 05, 2012 Board of Directors' Meeting as corrected.

It was moved/seconded/passed to accept the Junior Girl Scout Troop 61331 Bronze Award Proposal to paint the panels underneath the annex stage.

It was moved/seconded/passed to place a full page (\$100) Betsuin advertisement in the 2012 FBWA Conference Booklet.

It was moved/seconded/passed to designate Roy Yamanouchi as the second Betsuin delegate to the upcoming BCA National Council Meeting.

It was moved/seconded/passed to express our gratitude with a \$50 koden to the family of Mrs. Chie Goldsmith, former coordinator for the Betsuin Japanese Language School. Mrs. Goldsmith resigned a year ago as the school's coordinator due to health reasons and who recently passed away.

It was moved/seconded/passed to co-sponsor the CPR training sessions with the Japanese Community Congress of San Jose. The sessions are scheduled for March 06, March 08, and March 10 at the Betsuin 6th Street location. Additional details are posted at www.facebook.com.JCCsj.

It was moved/seconded/passed for the Betsuin to set up the account so we can accept and collect donations through PayPal.

It was moved/seconded/passed for an end of term and retirement gift to BCA's Socho in the amount of \$500. Socho Ogui's term as BCA bishop ends in March 2012. He will be

recognized for his leadership at the National Council Meeting banquet on February 25th in Sacramento.

It was moved/seconded/passed to sponsor a Betsuin table at the Conferment Ceremony for Jimi Yamaichi for the Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays which will be held on February 24, 2012 at the San Jose Fairmont.

It was moved/seconded/declined to waive the facilities fees (annex) for a Nikkei Matsuri Committee fundraiser on Friday, April 27, 2012.

- o **Ministers' Report**

The ministers extend their appreciation to those who attended the Ho-onko, Shinran Shonin Memorial Service. Guest speaker, Reverend Tetsuo Unno from Los Angeles, brought insight, light and laughter to us through his dharma talks.

The ministers extend their appreciation to May Horio and Cindy Iwamura, chairs of the New Year's Luncheon, as well as to the dedicated luncheon committee members and helpers.

The ministers extend their appreciation to Terry Oshidari, chair of the Dana Day/Volunteer Recognition service and reception. Terry solicits a dedicated group of behind the scenes helpers who must be thanked as well. Congratulations are extended to the dedicated volunteers who were recognized and to the organizations that nominated these deserving people.

- o **2012 Priority Setting Committees**

- Infrastructure Committee

- The Committee met with Russell Imoto who was involved in building the Fresno Betsuin Dharma Center. The committee continues to study options and is obtaining estimates for various options. The Committee's goal is to present a recommendation at the April Board meeting.

- Membership Committee

- The Membership Committee has begun a dialogue with the Betsuin Office Staff to learn what the process is when one applies for membership to the temple. The Committee will be obtaining Dharma School application information regarding membership status.

- The Committee welcomes the implementation of PayPal as a vehicle for pledges and donations.

- An on-going Committee discussion of the definition of "membership" may help the balance of goods and services in relationship to operations.

- o **Budget and Finance Report**

- The Budget and Finance Vice President is Bud Mine who is currently analyzing options for investing Building Fund moneys.

- Janice Doi and Dan Sueyoshi are in the process of forming a Finance Committee and would like suggestions of qualified temple members to serve on this committee.

- o **Art Kumada Archive Committee**

The Archive Committee is hosting a Doubles No Tap Bowling Tournament fundraiser to raise funds for equipment and supplies. This will be on March 04, 2012 at Fourth Street Bowl beginning at 1:00 pm. There are registration forms in the Betsuin Office and more information is in this issue of the Dharma.

- o **Board Recruitment and Development Committee**

The Board Recruitment and Development Committee hosted a Board Orientation Workshop which focused on important broad-based responsibilities of board members and on the Betsuin's financial health. Updated Board Handbooks were passed out to the Board members at this time.

There were 28 Board members, Komon Group members, Office Staff members, and presenters at the January 21st workshop.

Seven speakers presented information on topics which are listed in the February Dharma Newsletter (page 7).

The session was videotaped and available for Board members who did not attend and for organizations.

- o **Jr. YBA**

Jr. YBA President, Kylie Sakino, and Jr. YBA member, Michael Handa, attended and participated in the BCA Youth Advocacy Committee Summit at the Jodo Shinshu Center in Berkeley on January 28 – 19, 2012.

- o **Fundraising Event for the Japan Relief Effort**

The Betsuin is supporting a Zumba Party event benefiting the Japan Relief Effort. The organizers of this event are NorikoTakeda-Rovner, Kree_Ayt, and the Japantown Business Association. All proceeds will be sent to the Buddhist Churches of America which will request Hongwanji in Kyoto to distribute the funds to churches in the Tohoku area to the greatest need at the time the donation is received.

The Zumba Party for Japan will be held on Saturday, March 17, 2012 from 7:00 – 9:00 pm in the Betsuin Annex. More information is on facebook by keying in "Zumba Party for Japan."

- o **Coast District/Buddhist Churches of America**

The BCA National Council Meeting and Ministers' Association Meeting will be held at the Sacramento DoubleTree Hotel from February 22 – 26, 2012. The Betsuin's Official delegates are: Rinban Fujimoto, Reverend Sakamoto, Janice Doi and Roy Yamanouchi.

Agendized items include a proposal from the Coordinated Fundraising Committee for efforts to implement a sustainable fundraising plan for BCA members.

The other agendized item is the budget proposal from the Budget and Finance Committee.

Betsuin boosters attending the business meetings include: Kenji Akahoshi, Joyce Iwasaki, Greer Nishikawa. In addition, two Betsuin members serving in different capacities who are attending the business meetings are: Tom Nishikawa (Director at Large and Parliamentarian) and Sumi Tanabe (FBWA President).

