

Betsuin Board Bullets
October 06, 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.

o **Correspondence**

The Betsuin Board received a request from Dr. Kenji Akahoshi to cover the fee of \$225.00 to further his Kyoshi training through the Buddhist Churches of America's Center for Buddhist Education Minister's Assistant Program. It was agreed that the funds would be taken out of the Education budget.

o **Motions**

It was moved, seconded and passed to accept the May 2012, the July 2012, and the September 2012 minutes as corrected.

It was moved, seconded and passed to accept the budget request process developed by Dan Sueyoshi.

It was moved, seconded and passed to continue the policy set last year to allow the Community Youth Service (CYS) the use of the annex for their annual pancake breakfast and for two dance recitals in the year 2013.

It was moved, seconded and passed to support the San Jose JACL's 10th Annual Community Recognition Dinner on November 03, 2012 by paying \$540 from the Betsuin Public Relations budget and sponsoring a Betsuin table at this event. The funds will cover attendance for the two ministers and their spouses and for the president and spouse at \$90 per person. Betsuin members Ai Hironaga and Sharon Uyeda will be honored at this event.

It was moved, seconded and passed to support the 2012 San Jose State University Sports Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony on October 26, 2012 by paying \$320 from the Betsuin Public Relations budget. The funds will cover attendance for the ministers and their spouses at \$80 per person. Betsuin member Yosh Uchida will receive the Legend Award at this event.

It was moved, seconded and passed to adjourn the meeting.

o **Membership Report** by Mas Horiuchi

The Membership Committee participated in the Betsuin Organization Day on September 09, 2012. At that event, several families signed up for membership.

The 2012 Annual Report will be distributed at the Betsuin General meeting on December 06, 2012. All affiliated and sponsored organizations are encouraged to submit reports to Mas Horiuchi by October 31, 2012.

o **Infrastructure Committee Report** by Ruth Shikada

The Town Hall Meeting for the sangha membership was held on September 22, 2012 to share information about the Board's recommendation for the annex building, to hear people's comments and concerns. The Board's recommendation is to seismically retrofit the building which includes remodeling and upgrading elements. Approximately 50 people attended this meeting. It was suggested that the Board reach out to as many groups and individuals as possible with information for opportunities for feedback, questions and concerns. Taking this outreach effort into consideration, the Infrastructure Committee recommends tabling the final Board vote on the annex recommendation to November.

- **Budget and Finance Issues**

Janice Doi recommends that the Board focus on various budget issues. A team of Board members volunteered to serve in this capacity. These are: Ted Nakano, Arline Miyasaki, Al Hironaga, and Janice Doi.

- **President Elect Search Committee Report** by Steve Ichinaga

The Board accepted the resignation of Mas Nishimura as President Elect. The President Elect Search Committee convened on October 03, 2012 to begin the process of filling this position. The next committee meeting is scheduled for October 24, 2012.

- **November Board Meeting Report** by Janice Doi

The format of the November 01, 2012 Board Meeting will accommodate a priority setting exercise. Reports will be in written form to allow time for Board assessment and performance as well as for developing a plan and roadmap for the year 2013. The meeting will begin at 7:00 pm with service beginning at 6:45 pm.

A planning committee will meet in October to develop a framework for this exercise. The committee consists of Todd Tsudama, Tom Nishikawa, Joyce Iwasaki, Janice Doi, Reverend Sakamoto and Rinban Fujimoto.

- **Dana Club Report** by Al Hironaga

The members of the Dana Club continue to help sort and box food at the Second Harvest Food Bank. The next scheduled sorting session will be on Wednesday, December 12, 2012. The food is distributed to local families in need as well as to various food kitchens. If you are interested in helping, please contact Al Hironaga by leaving your name and contact info in the Betsuin Office.

- **EcoSangha Report** by Al Hironaga

The Betsuin EcoSangha Group continues to collect athletic shoes for the Nike Reuse-A-Shoe recycling drive. The goal is to collect another 500 pairs of athletic shoes, which will then be shipped to the Nike facility where the various shoe parts are ground up to make padding for tracks, athletic fields and indoor gyms. The Betsuin Office is the collection point for athletic shoe donations.

- **Oseibo Committee Report** by Al Hironaga

The Oseibo Committee members are Terry Oshidari, Glen Kurimoto and Al Hironaga. This committee will announce ways the sangha can donate to the Oseibo Fund which provides end-

of-the-year monetary gifts to the ministers, office staff and other individuals specified by the donors. More information and the Oseibo form are included in this issue of the Dharma newsletter.