

**Salt Lake Buddhist Temple
Board Meeting Minutes
September 6, 2007**

Attendees:

Maya Chow	Stan Endo	Bruce Fong
Christy Fong	Mits Fujinami	Reverend Hirano
Brenda Koga	Ernie Kyed	Mark Minaga
Reiko Mitsunaga	Tomio Mitsunaga	Dot Richeda
Jane Sakashita	Dave Sekino	Paul Terashima
Ivan Van Laningham		

Absent: Ichiro Doi, Dean Hirabayashi, Brent Koga, LaVerne Kyed, Kyle Matsumura, Sherrie Hayashi, Kathy Terashima, Yoshiko Uno, Jeff Watanabe, Reiko Watanabe

Opening Remarks

President Stan Endo called the meeting to order. Sensei led us in Gassho.

Steve Koga requested that the gym be used for a National Park Service (NPS) public input meeting at 6:30 pm on November 3, 2007. Congress passed Public Law 108-441 authorizing \$38 million to provide for the preservation of the historic confinement sites where Japanese Americans were detained during World War II. The NPS is holding “listening sessions” to solicit suggestions, comments, and recommendations for proposals and projects associated with all of the internment sites. The NPS offered to pay rent for use of the gym. Temple board members suggested \$200. Jane Sakashita motioned that the NPS be allowed to rent the gym for \$200. Christy Fong seconded. The motion passed. Steve Koga will be responsible for opening, cleaning, and closing the gym.

Minutes from the July 29th meeting was approved with three corrections. Under Building & Repairs – \$800 was for repair of sprinklers in front of the temple and West Wing. Under Webster – Mark will ask Cassandra to get involved with Pay Pal. Under New Business (Judo Club presentation) – Dennis Yonetani’s name was misspelled.

Minutes from the August 23rd Special Board Meeting will be distributed at the next Board Meeting.

Treasurer’s Report: Dave Sekino & Maya Chow, Treasurers

		YTD 2007
Beginning Balance:	\$16,314.87	\$59,080.46
July Receipts	37,319.23	103,128.57
July Disbursements	<u>25,146.82</u>	<u>106,266.32</u>
Ending Balance	\$28,487.28	\$55,942.71
August Receipts	3,355.39	107,251.54
August Disbursements	<u>16,336.14</u>	<u>119,439.76</u>
Ending Balance	\$28,487.28	\$43,754.49

Building Fund Investments \$530,776.98 (as of Aug 31,2007)

Dave asked that he receive a copy of the Sangha Award ticket winners to get the correct name and address.

Reverend's Report - Reverend Jerry Hirano (see attached report)

Temple Board members suggested that Dharma School be asked to reimburse Rev. Marvin Harada for ojuzus he purchased in Japan for our temple.

Reiko Matsuura will contact Jeanne Yamaguchi regarding the 60 office chairs being made available to the temple. The temple only needs about 10 chairs for use in the library. If the chairs are new or in very good condition, temple members may be given the opportunity to buy some of the extra chairs.

Masami Hayashi will be going to Japan to receive his second ordination (Kyoshi). Temple Board members suggested buying him a gift (robe) if he does get his second ordination. Carmela will be going to California in October as part of the Minister's Assistants Program. The Temple Board members suggested that Dharma School be asked to reimburse her expenses.

Rev. Hirano said the ministers voted on the election of the next Bishop. The vote was split evenly (14-14) for Bishop Ogui and Rev. Nobuo Miyaji. A selection committee has been formed of 8 ministers and 8 lay people. Rev. Kanya Okamoto and James Aoki will represent the Mountain States District. During the Mountain States Conference's business meeting on September 1st, a vote was taken from the members in attendance. The vote was almost split evenly again (17-15). James Aoki was asked to cast his vote after receiving input from Mountain States members and after interviewing the two candidates.

Buddhist Women's Association (BWA) - Dot Richeda

No report.

Dharma School Board Report- Laverne Kyed, Superintendent (see attached report)

All temple members are encouraged to attend the picnic on September 9th.

YBA-Maya Chow, Advisor

The next Denver Sunshine Bus Trip is tentatively scheduled for July 7-13, 2008. Our students are invited to travel with them to California.

Jr YBA-Fongs, Advisors

Jr YBA meeting scheduled for 9:30 am, September 30th.

Dobo Gakko, Sherrie Hayashi

Dobo Gakko will start in September some time after the start of Dharma School.

Committee Reports

Building & Repairs - Tomio Mitsunaga

Reiko Mitsunaga wrote a Thank You letter to Scott Watanabe for repairing the temple sprinklers. West Wing garage doors need painting. Temple Board members suggested that this could be an YBA or Eagle Scout project.

Building Committee - Brenda Koga

A draft copy of the Salt Lake Buddhist Temple Facilities Master Plan was distributed to the Temple Board members. The Master Plan provides an outline of the Building Committee's approach. The Building Committee would like to hire a general contractor to help complete the plan. The general contractor would also obtain cost estimates or bids. The Building Committee requested that they also be allowed to implement some of the plans without having to obtain Temple Board approval in advance. Ernie Kyed motioned that the Building Committee hire a general contractor, possibly Tom Mori, to develop the Facilities Master Plan and have a \$3,000 spending limit. Dave Sekino seconded the motion. Ivan Van Laningham amended the motion to increase the spending limit to \$5,000. The amended motion passed.

Equipment & Supplies: The Bazaar Chairs plan to buy their own supplies.

Ministerial Affairs Committee: Stan said the committee met for the first time regarding Sensei's request for advance payment for his part of the parsonage. Stan said the function of the committee needs to be formalized in by-laws.

Webmaster: No report.

Welcoming Committee: There have been many entries in the Guest Book that Carmela put out during the summer. Temple Board members suggested sending information to guests who request it. Ivan suggested asking guests to include their e-mail address if they wish more temple information.

21st Century Campaign: BCA sent letters out to every member of the Salt Lake Buddhist Temple. Paul said there was no value in the temple sending out additional letters in support of the campaign. Salt Lake has 11 members who have contributed to the campaign. Paul suggested that the campaign be removed from future board meeting agendas. Stan agreed.

Current Business

Food Bazaar Chairs: Reiko Mitsunaga said the health inspectors at the Obon said the temple needs to use lids on outdoor garbage cans. Damon found 32 gal containers with lids for \$60 and plans to buy two for the Food Bazaar. All food activity chairs have been lined up. Kristine Clifford is working with Judy Watanabe to promote the Food Bazaar. Reiko had some color flyers made and plans to print half of the brochures in color and half in black and white. Reiko will e-mail the flyers to Temple Board members. Everyone is asked to forward the e-mail to as many people as possible to increase awareness of the Food Bazaar. Rev. Hirano said he

will be sending out the October Buddhist Thoughts a few days early and asked the organizations send him inputs by September 15th.

New Business

Karen Seo said the JAACL CU Nikei Center Luncheon is being planned for November 3rd and they would like to use the gym and kitchen. Maya made a motion to allow them to use our facilities. Ernie Kyed seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Stan Endo wanted to give the new members, Ron and Linda Omori, member handbooks and parking passes. Sensei said he would give the member handbooks to Stan who would deliver them to the Omoris. Reiko Watanabe is no longer distributing annual stickers for the parking passes. Nobody is using the passes.

Mark Minaga and Jeff Watanabe will begin work on the ballots for next years Temple Board. Bruce Fong said he would forward last year's ballot to them.

Carmela and Rev. Hirano are purchasing their own house. Dave Sekino has been heading up the effort to look into selling the parsonage. Victor ? has offered to sell the house for only 4% realty fees (2% discount). Brenda Koga motioned that the parsonage be listed and sold after Rev. Hirano moves into his new house, and that the temple's executive cabinet be empowered to deal with any issues regarding the sale of the house. Ernie Kyed seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Next board meeting scheduled for 6:00 pm, Thursday, October 11, 2007. Stan said he will be out of town from September 16th until after October 20th. Stan contacted Jeff Watanabe to run the next meeting.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned. President Stan adjourned the meeting and Sensei led us in Gassho.

Respectfully submitted:
Bruce Fong for Dot Richeda