

SOUTHERN DISTRICT BUDDHIST WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

FOURTH QUARTER MEETING MINUTES

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2023, 10:00 A.M.

VIRTUAL MEETING via ZOOM

I. MEETING CALLED to ORDER - at 10:05 a.m. by Kathy Kumagai

II. OPENING GASSHO - led by Rev. Gregory Gibbs

III. ROLL CALL by TEMPLE - Kathy Kumagai

	Attendees	Ministers	Total
Arizona Buddhist Temple	3		3
Gardena Buddhist Church	3		3
Las Vegas Buddhist Church	1		1
L.A. Homba Hongwanji Buddhist Temple	2		2
Orange County Buddhist Church	3		3
Oxnard Buddhist Temple	2		2
Pasadena Buddhist Temple	2	1	3
Buddhist Temple of San Diego	3	1	4
San Fernando Valley Hongwanji Buddhist Temple	0		0
Buddhist Church of Santa Barbara	0		0
Senshin Buddhist Temple	2		2
Venice Hongwanji Buddhist Temple	1		1
Vista Buddhist Temple	3		3
West Los Angeles Buddhist Temple	0		0

IV. CORRESPONDENCE

- Vista Buddhist Temple held its 5th Annual "Cultivating Good Spirit through the Dharma" on November 11.
- OCBC, Gardena BC, L.A. Homba Hongwanji BT, and Vista BT used their 2022 SDBWA grants for programs in 2023.
- Kathy Hori announced that before his passing Rev. Watanabe had written 18 Dharma talks which were compiled into a book. His family will be sending from Japan 5 books in English and 5 books in Japanese to the Oxnard B.T. which will be distributed to the Southern District Temples. Kathy would like to keep 1 English edition and 1 Japanese edition at the Gardena BC. Kathy was asked to send a thank you letter written in Japanese to the Watanabe Family which Judy Watanabe, Oxnard B.T., agreed. Lynn Black, OCBC, placed a deadline for the letter.

V. APPROVAL of Q2 MEETING MINUTES

- The SDBWA 2nd Quarter minutes should be approved at this meeting, but Kathy was unable to locate them. We will table it for now and bring it up at the next Quarterly meeting.
- Article 1X Section 2 - vote at the next General meeting in October, 2024 to approve the 2023 General Meeting minutes.

VI. TREASURER'S REPORT - Kathy Hori

- July - September, 2023

- Membership Graph shows that 2018 - 2023, the membership is declining. 2020 is missing.
- Zaidan Fund - cut off is December 22. Checks should be made payable to SDBWA.

Mail checks to Kathy Hori: 6536 Abbottswood Drive
Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275

2021 received the most donations, \$600.00. Whereas 2023 received the lowest amount of donations of \$400.00.

The SDB Council had the Zaidan donation at the 2023 SDB Conference. The BWA did not.

In the past, when the BWA meetings were held in-person, a basket was passed around and \$5.00 was collected from those present toward the Zaidan Fund.

Years ago, there was a pamphlet explaining the Zaidan Fund. Kathy will locate it and distribute it.

- Discretionary Fund of the BCA is part of the Endowment Fund.
- Kathy's progress report - Dharma Forward donation for 2023 is not available.
2020 - \$5,000.00, 2021 - \$3,000.00, 2022 - \$0.00, 2023 - unavailable
- Treasury Report: Currently - \$1,159.00, In all accounts - \$41,000.00
- Motion to donate \$3,000.00 to the Women's Chair Fund in Dharma Forward, named for Lady Eshinni. Seconded by Lynn Black. Julie encouraged all the chapters to support the Eshinni, Lady Kakushinni Chair. The motion was passed uanimously.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

A. By-laws Changes

Julie recommends that Article 9, Section 1, Item 7 needs to be cleaned up. Debbie was going to present it at the next SDBWA General Meeting.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. 2024 SDBWA Cabinet Election - Buddhist Temple of San Diego is Toban Chair

- Kathy introduced the 2024 Slate of Officers

Co-Presidents:	Junko Kajita, San Diego Sue Moribe, San Diego
Vice Oresidents:	Sue Moribe, San Diego Junko Kajita, San Diego
Recording Secretary:	Mani Ryan, San Diego
Corresponding Secretary:	Gail Furuya, Vista
Treasurer:	Kathy Hori, Gardena
Auditor:	Aki Tomiyama, San Diego
Grant Chair:	Gale Kaneshiro, San Diego
Ministerial Advisors:	Rinban Briones, L.A. Hompa Hongwanji B.T. Rev. Gregory Gibbs, Pasadena/SD/AZ Rev. Ryuta Furumoto, Senshin/Oxnard

- The by-laws allow for multiple presidents. And multiple positions are allowed.
- Auditor - remove the "e" from Aki's name
- San Fernando Valley Homgwanji Buddhist Temple is scheduled to be the lead temple in 2025.
- Motion to approve the Cabinet was made by Junko Kakita, BTSD, 2nd by Sue Moribe, BTSD.
The motion passed unanimously.

B. San Diego has proposed the 2024 Quarter Meeting calendar on Saturdays at 10:00 a.m. via ZOOM.
1st Meeting - March 23

2nd Meeting - June 15

3rd Meeting - September 21 and General Meeting*

4th Meeting - December 7

* The General Meeting should be held before the 3rd Meeting due to the FBWA Meeting on October 5, 2024.

C. No available honorees for the 2024 Dharma School 25 & 50 Year Recognition. If OCBC has a candidate for 2024, the information should be forwarded to San Diego. If available now, information should be sent to Pasadena. Julie Ueda, Venice, qualifies in 2025. Dharma School Recognition Honorees are awarded at the SDB Conference.

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. The 2024 Southern District Buddhist Conference will be held on Saturday, October 19 in San Diego.

B. The FBWA Conference will be held on Friday, October 4 - Sunday, October 6 at the San Jose Doubletree Hotel. The theme is "Ichigo Ichie". Buses will be available from the Hotel to the San Jose Buddhist Church and to the airport.

The current 2023 - 2024 FBWA Cabinet:

President:	Janice Doi, San Jose
Vice President:	Reiko Murakami, Mountain View
2nd Vice President*:	Conference Chairperson
Recording Secretary, English**:	Marie Ochi-Jacobs, Mountain View
Corresponding Secretary, English**:	Sumi Tanabe, San Jose
Treasurer:	Sandy Hongo, San Luis Obispo
Auditor:	Don Fukuma, Mountain View
Parliamentian:	Gayle Kono, Sacramento
Advisor:	Sumi Tanabe, San Jose
Ministerial Advisors:	Rinban Gerald Sakamoto, San Jose Rev. Etsuko Mikame, San Jose Rev. Naomi Mukojima, Mountain View

* 2nd V.P. is the Conference Chairperson whose name was not listed in the 2023 minutes.

**In lieu of a Japanese language Recording and Corresponding Secretaries, Rev. Etsuko Mikame will assist.

The Southern District will host the 2025 FBWA Delegates Meeting and the 2026 FBWA Conference. The SDBWA will need to be present at the 2024 FBWA Conference and have the following information available for announcement:

1. A new FBWA Cabinet composed of SDBWA members from all the Southern District chapters. It is a 2 year term, 2025 - 2026.
2. The 2025 Delegate Meeting date and location.
3. The 2026 FBWA Conference Meeting date and location.

C. The 2025 - 2026 FBWA Cabinet

- Should consult with the Coast District
- BCA website, "FBWA"
- Recording and Corresponding Secretaries should have Japanese translators.
- Possibly have separate SDBWA General Meeting from the SD Buddhist Conference in 2024, 2025 and 2026.

- Recommendation: Establish a search committee to appoint a FBWA Cabinet in 2024 for the 2025 - 2026 Cabinet. Volunteers are welcome from all the SDBWA members.

D. Chapter Reports are welcome on the website,

<https://southerndistrictbwa.weebly.com//chapter-reports.html>

ARIZONA Celebrating their 90th Anniversary. January - YBA event. February - Matsuri event held with the City, made and sold yakisoba.

GARDENA Tonight GBC is having an all Temple Dharma Fund Walk, "Pure Land of Festival of Lights", 5 -7 p.m. Refreshments and Community Project following. BWA had an udon sale with Bingo last October.

LAS VEGAS Their Holiday Craft Fair was held last weekend with 3-4 Food Trucks providing raffle prizes. LVBC charges the Food Trucks per table usage with no percentage of their sales going to the church. Today is their mochitsuki. Dec 17 will be clean up. Dec 31 soba orders will be taken. Kathy Arakaki was elected Temple President. During their General Meetings, there are activities conducted.

NISHI Trish Hirahara is the incoming BWA President.

OCBC Their golf tournament was held in September at the Sterling G.C. with 140 players participating. Oct. 14 was a Senior walking activity at the Nancy Bush Park. Dec. 3 is Oseibo Gift Day.

OXNARD Their Social Hall is closed and renovation has yet to begin. Dec. 17 is omigaki.

PASADENA PBWA has been relatively quiet since planning the SDB Conference and the SDBWA General Meeting with Oxnard. Plans are under way for the upcoming Silent Auction.

SAN DIEGO Japanese exercises are conducted before the meetings for 3 minutes and singing at the conclusion of their meetings. An English Tea fundraiser was held with the proceeds going to the Lahaina BWA. Sharon Ohara is the Lahaina BWA President. The Lahaina BWA has lost all of their craft and sewing supplies. The BTSD has formed a partnership with the Lahaina BWA to help with their needs.

SENSHIN Feb. 4 is their New Year's Party. Dec. 16, the Jr. YBA is having their mochitsuki.

VENICE End of the year event, Bonenkai - eat, drink and be merry!

VISTA Gail Furuya says that there will be a Panda Express fundraiser in January.

San Diego has 6 new members, some are not Temple members.

OCBC and LV have male members.

A search committee to research for the FBWA Cabinet was asked by Julie Miyata. Rumi Nakatani, OCBC, was the Conference Chair for the last SDBWA Conference in Orange County.

X. Z Aidan Fund

The Zaidan Fund was discussed during the Treasurer's Report.

XI. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made by Rumi Nakatani and 2nd by Judy Watanabe.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m. by Kathy Kumagai

XII. Closing Gassho - led by Rev. Gregory Gibbs

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Ito, Pasadena BWA