



GENERAL BOARD COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date/Time: Friday, December 13, 2013 at 7:00 to 9:20

Place: Temple 3325 West 3800 South, West Valley City, Utah 84119

Meeting called by: Bopha Nhem

Attendees:

Ray Hour	Sovann Ok	Laneth Hang	Paul Rou	Vibol Tiem
Bopha Nhem	Janna Rou	Vanny Nhem	Saroeun Keo	Vanna Sun
2 Monks	Sub-Committee	Approx 40 members		

The following items were discussed at the meeting:

- Ray Hour addressed the Federal Tax Exemption. Our committee needs to sign the Power of Attorney, Ian Shepherd, to make an appointment with the IRS and find out what the timeframe is for the application to be processed.
- Personal issues were discussed. The consensus was that any criticisms and rumors must be addressed in person, not over the phone with other members and with respect to all involved.
- Laneth Hang requested Bora Nhem to clarify her phone conversation with Lauren Koy in which Lauren had stated that she did not want to set foot in the temple because it was 'dirty'. Bora testified that in fact Lauren did call the temple 'dirty.' However, Lauren denied using that exact word to describe the temple or its committee.
- A private ceremony was discussed. Sokun Koy complained and implied that one of the committee members (Laneth Hang) was being dishonest when he held a private ceremony for his mother-in-law's one year funeral anniversary at the temple and not giving 100% of the donations received back to the temple. Priest Vanna Sun explained to Sokun Koy, Lauren Koy, Sokhane and Sokhany Nhem, Rasmey Kay, and about 40 members who attended the meeting, it is customary for private ceremonies to be held at home or at the temple. It is up to the sole discretion of the ceremony sponsor to donate or not to donate any amount to the temple. This accusation stemmed from a misunderstanding when Sokhane Nhem misunderstood Laneth's wife when she said she would donate the money to the temple. However, Laneth's wife never said that she would donate 100% of the donations received.
- Sokun Koy stated that the By-Laws were not well-written, as it did not address honesty, integrity, and modesty. The Board of Directors determined that the current By-Laws are well-written and is sufficient in its current state as it has been reviewed and approved by the lawyer.
- Sokhane Nhem wrote and read a poem during the meeting.
- Nary Keo asked the new committee members not to forget the previous committee and to inform them of what's going on at the temple, as they have invested their time in the temple for many years in the past.
- Sokhany Nhem stated that he would support the building of the Sala Chhan.
- Monk Sarith advised everyone to get along with each other for a better community. He also advised members not to make judgments without having all the facts straight.



- Janna discussed several events lined up for Cambodian New Year's such as:
 - Cambodian pageant
 - Children's fashion show
 - Talent show

Support from volunteers is needed and appreciated. Please contact Janna Rou, if you are interested or willing.

- Janna also talked about the calendar for 2014. Monk Sim, currently residing in Boston, has been working on Khmer calendars for 2014, which will include Khmer holidays and Temple events. He will then forward it to Janna and she will be adding pictures from our temple onto the calendars. If you would like to donate, they will be \$10 each.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 pm.