



## GENERAL BOARD COMMITTEE

### Meeting Minutes

**Meeting Date/Time:** Saturday, March 29, 2014 at 1:15 to 3:15 PM

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

**Meeting called by:** Ray Hour

**Attendees:**

Ray Hour	Sovann Ok	Laneth Hang	Paul Rou	Vibol Tiem
Bopha Nhem	Vanny Nhem	Saroeun Keo	Vanna Sun	Kimyin Keo
Monk: Sarith So	Monk: Kim Leang Long	Monk: Somrith Bay		

The following topics were discussed at the meeting.

**I. Update on Non-Profit status with the IRS:**

1. Ray indicated that Ian Sheppard had sent a letter to the IRS to inquire on the application for the non-profit status.
2. Ian found out that the IRS had sent several certified letters to our PO BOX, but those letters were returned back to the IRS because no one was there to sign for the letter.
3. Also the UCCBT does not qualify for the State Sales Tax Exemption pending the approval of the non-profit status with the IRS. Therefore, any purchases in regard to construction materials will have to pay sales tax. Sovann will also contact the suppliers, if any, to pay them for sales tax.

**II. Bylaws:**

As currently stated in the ByLaws, half of the Board of Directors is to be elected in each May of each year in order to maintain continuity between the new members and the old members. However, because we are in the middle of the construction of our Sala Chhan, the board members determined it is best to request approval from the general members to revise this requirement, along with other clarifications/clean up as follow:

1. Change the election term to (4) years, both the Board of Directors and the President.
2. Change the minimum numbers of Board of Directors from 3 to 5. Also delete the requirement to elect half of Board of Directors in each May.
3. Change 2/3 vote to "majority" and change 'vote by proxy' to ballots
4. Remove "RECALL from section IV.
5. Define legible age to vote to as 18 years old

Board of Directors plan to announce the request on/or before Cambodian New Year. Vote casting/counts via a signup sheet.

**III. Additional monk:**

Monk Kim Leang Long arrived to UCCBT on Saturday, March 22, 2014. According to the previous agreement with the UCCBT, monk Kim Leang Long was to reside at the temple as a temporary resident by signing a housing agreement with the terms and conditions (below) approved by the UCCBT. His continuing residence would be based on the public acceptance.

1. Term of the agreement (6 months).
2. UCCBT reserves the right to terminate the agreement provided that we pass the vote.
3. UCCBT is NOT financially obligate to the monk.

However, during the meeting, priests Vanna and Kimyin; President Vanny; Vice President Saroeun; and directors Laneth, Ray, Sovann, and Vibol voted to remove the requirement of monk Kim Leang Long to sign the agreement as they viewed the signing of the agreement to be offensive to the monks. Bopha and Paul disagree with this decision. Also monk Sarith So has indicated that he

would take full responsibility for any monk's action deemed inappropriate or fails to follow the temple/monks' regulations while residing at the temple. It was requested that any inquiries into monk Kim Leang Long's past history would be directed to the monk himself or monk Sarith So.

- IV. **Status of construction:**  
Paul reported that we have enough money (along with the committed donations) to complete the building only, but we do not have money to complete a parking lot, curbing, sidewalk or landscaping.
- V. **Budget update:**  
Sovann reported as of today we have \$160,000 in the UCCBT account. \$10K will be held for reserve and for the installation of the statue. That means we have only \$150k left to spend on the construction.
- VI. **Brick and shingle Colors:**  
The decision has been made by monk Sarith So that the color of bricks and shingles will represent the Buddhist religion. Therefore, monk Sarith So has chosen red singles and yellow bricks.
- VII. **Trip to Logan:**  
The monks have been invited to Logan City to perform the Cambodian New Year's ceremony on April 5, 2014.
1. Saroeun will take care of all the necessary requirements.
  2. Paul will put together a slide show of the construction and its progress, as well as bring the flyers for the parking lot donations.
- VIII. **New Year Program:**  
Volunteers are needed; please contact Laneth and Vibol to help with set up on Thursday and Friday at Miss Saigon Restaurant.
1. April 11, 2014: Friday evening ceremony will be held at the Temple.
  2. April 12, 2014: Saturday morning ceremony, afternoon programs (Miss Cambodian Pageant, children fashion show, and talent show), and the dance at night will be held at Miss Saigon Restaurant.
  3. April 13, 2014: Sunday morning ceremony will be held at the Temple.