



Tacoma Buddhist Temple (Jodo Shinshu)

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MYOKYO 明鏡

(MYOKYO, the Bright Mirror of Buddha Dharma always illuminates our LIFE)

December 2024

Temple Mission Statement *"To offer those in the Pacific Northwest an enduring community that values inclusiveness and acceptance in seeking enlightenment through Japanese Shin Buddhist teachings."*

Sensei's Message

Happy Holidays!

Rev. Tadao Koyama



Happy Holidays everyone! Here we are! The end of the year already! This year of 2024 has been quite a busy one! With National Council, all of the fundraising events, and Northwest convention, I am definitely feeling tired! I do believe it's the good type of tired though!

Recently, I also participated in the 2nd Kyoshi Kyoshu outside of Japan! I am grateful that there are still interested members who feel the calling of sharing the Dharma! It also brings to mind the importance of Bodhi day. For Jodo Shinshu Buddhists, we celebrate Bodhi Day on December 8. This year, we actually get to have a Sunday service on actual Bodhi Day!

This is the holiday that celebrates the awakening of Prince Siddhartha when he achieved enlightenment under the Bodhi tree. This event allowed the teachings of Buddhism to begin for all of us from his time into the future! Many Buddhist schools have grown from this one teacher and emphasize different practices, however we can never forget the significance of the great teacher himself.

Many mythical legends surround the awakening of the Buddha, like the fact that the evil demon king, Mara tried every trick up his sleeve to move Siddhartha from his spot under the tree. Yet, Siddhartha was resolute and was not swayed by lust, fear, or pride.

As ordinary beings, I think many of us may not have as deep of a discipline as Siddhartha did. I would definitely move if someone presented me with a delicious veggie gourmet delight pizza from Papa Murphy's! While I can be honest with myself about my lack of discipline, I think it's important for us to honor the trials and tribulations that Siddhartha faced during his journey of enlightenment. We do this by coming to temple, reciting the teachings, saying the Nembutsu, and by doing our best to live our lives with the Buddha's teachings on our minds.

As we close this year of 2024, I would like to thank every one of you readers, members of the temple, community members, and travelers of the Nembutsu for your continued support to the Tacoma Buddhist

Temple. I sincerely hope that while many of us might be stepping into the year of 2025 with a sense of unease, let us continue to say the Nembutsu, think of the teachings of Shinran, and do our best to live our lives with a deep sense of gratitude for the wisdom and compassion of Amida Buddha.
Namo Amida Butsu

President's Message



In what will be my last message to you as temple president, I find myself reflecting on the temple's accomplishments of this past year.

As an encouraging sign for the health of our temple, our membership has grown over the past year – a first since the onset of the Covid pandemic, when the temple was forced to operate remotely for nearly a year. This year we also restarted outreach efforts to boost our visibility in the community, with booths at the Tacoma PRIDE, Hilltop and Moon Festival events.

Additionally, we just completed hosting our Fall Bazaar, our third successful event of the year, which along with Sukiyaki and Bon Odori, was terrifically supported by the community. Our temple seminars, now up to three annually, enjoyed their largest attendances ever – not doubt aided by our Rev. Koyama's culinary skills and his accompanying meals. The temple also received a much-needed update, with a new website created by temple member, Emma Inge. A real thanks to Glenn Morita too, for his web handoff, after 20+ years of keeping the site up and running.

December also marks the time when the temple board undergoes its annual metamorphous, where five new members will join the board (who will be introduced at our Dec. 8th General Temple Meeting) as five step off after serving the last 3 years. Hope to see you at the meeting, where we will also provide a more thorough review of 2024, along with a snapshot of exciting plans for the New Year.

Gassho,
John

Buddhist Women's Association News



Tacoma BWA Members, please save the date for our Annual BWA New Year's Luncheon. This year our Luncheon will be on **January 19**, following service. We will enjoy appetizers, finger foods and desserts instead of a full lunch this year. Like years past, we will have an optional gift exchange, raffle prizes and new this year, some fun games or activities. Booklets and reports will be distributed at sign-in.



BWA will continue to accept donations through December 8th for our annual Food and Clothing Drive. Collection bins will be in the foyer for gently used clothing and food donations. BWA members will deliver the donations as throughout the collection drive to get them into the community as quickly as possible. If you have a charity or food bank that you would like to recommend for donations, please let Denise know.

BWA thanks everyone for their support of BWA's many activities and fundraisers throughout 2024. Wishing you all a wonderful holiday season!

With gratitude,
Denise Cline

Dharma School News



The holiday season has arrived! I hope everyone will have a safe, happy and enjoyable holidays!



December 8: The Lotus (High School) students will be running the Bodhi Day service instead of Sensei that Sunday, so please join us for their wonderful presentation. After the service, all DS students will go downstairs to make June Akita's Gingerbread House! DS families- please donate **one or two bags of candy** to be used to decorate the houses. A potluck lunch will follow. Each family is asked to bring your favorite dish to share.

December 15: Although there are no regular DS classes, students should go to their classes to clean up the classrooms before the end of 2024. It is a Japanese tradition to do a big clean up the homes/classroom before the end of the year. It is called 'Ou Souji' (oh-sohji)-大掃除.

December-January Dharma School Schedule:

December	1	NO DS	Thanksgiving Weekend
	8	DS	All DS (Bodhi Day & Gingerbread House Making & Potluck)
	15	DS	Temple/Classroom Clean-up
	22	NO DS	Christmas Weekend
	29	NO DS	End of the Year Weekend
January	5	NO DS	New Year's Party
	12	DS	Regular Class
	19	DS	Regular Class
	26	DS	Joint DS with Seattle DS (Mochi-Tsuki)

If there are any changes in the future, we will contact you accordingly.

Gassho,
Junko

Young Buddhist Association News



Happy Wintertime everyone!



First, I would like to thank all YBA members who came out and helped during the Fall Bazaar!

Upcoming Important dates include:

12/8 Bodhi Day (Lotus class consisting of all the YBA members will run the service)

11/24 – 12/15 Season's Greetings and Happy Holidays Fundraiser

As per tradition, the YBA will be having a Season's Greetings and Happy Holidays Fundraiser! It is a great and easy way to send holiday wishes to all Sangha members. In the past, the money has been used to fund different YBA activities as well as to good causes such as the Seattle Betsuin Burn restoration. There will be a flyer attached to the back of this Myokyo with more details such as due date, and prices. Sorry for the late notice, I was a little slow at getting around to this event. Have a nice rest of the year everyone!

Gassho,
Enzo

Buddhist Education Committee News



One of the many offerings to temple members is access to our temple library. Competently run by our librarian, Jane Burster, one can find plenty of reading material on Buddhism.



Jane became the librarian several years ago when former librarian, Lynrae Hubbell asked Jane if she would like to take over the handling of the library. Of course, Jane, who loves books and organizing, said "YES!" She loves reading as "books take us to another world."



The library is adjacent to the Rev. Pratt room and organized by sects of Buddhism: Zen, Tibetan, Shin, in addition to general Buddhism. There are sections on Buddhist art, Japanese culture, Japanese immigration, biographies and a few novels.

Jane will be in the library each Sunday, a half hour before service starts. To check out a book, record it on the clipboard with your name and date. There is no limit to how long you keep a book. Books are available to members only.

The most recent books in the library are those from the book club held once a month at King's books. If you miss one session, you can find the "book of the month" in the temple library.

Do take advantage of this valuable resource. And, if you have any questions, Jane Burster will be happy to help you. Thanks Jane, for taking good care of our temple library!

Gassho,
Donna Sasaki

Facility Committee Update



I wouldn't be surprised if I walked into the garage rice room and encountered a flopping, honking seal, bouncing a beach ball off the rice cookers. Due to the leaky roof, aquatic mammals might feel at home. There's nothing like a good seal to seal proof that old roof. Therefore, that's one of the improvements slotted in the list of capital projects. Another is to renovate the electrical system and add some lights in the garage. Additionally, the steps that lead up to the temple office and Reverend Pratt room have seen better days, so those are on the list of improvements as well.



David Yotsuuye, Robert Yotsuuye, Tom Hubbell, Rick Tanabe, and Del Sasaki comprise a well-oiled machine ready to address maintenance issues at our beautiful temple.

With the watchful eyes of Lynrae Hubbell litter doesn't stand a chance along our stretch of Fawcett Avenue and Court.
~Dave

Library News



Yes. We have a library in the temple. It contains a huge selection of books related to Jodo Shinshu, Japanese culture, and novels related to Buddhism. The Book Club books include a contemporary view of Buddhism, including one by Tina Turner.

The books highlighted this month:

The Bamboo People - A legal history of people of Japanese ancestry in America.

Issei Women - Eleven life stories of women from turn of the century Japan to new lives in the United States.

Jewels - An introductory book on the history of Buddhism for young adults.

All books are available to members.

Jane

Toban News



December 1	Sunday Service
December 8	Bodhi Day Service/Potluck, General Mtg, BWA Clothing/Food Drive ends
December 15	Sunday service 10 AM, Temple Clean up, Board Mtg.
December 22	Sunday service 10 AM, Coffee Hour
December 29	Sunday service 10 AM
December 31	New Year's Eve Service, 10:00 AM



January 1, 2025	New Year's Day Service, 10:00 AM
January 5	Sunday Service, New Year's Party/Keiro Luncheon
January 12	Sunday Service, Coffee Hour
January 19	Hoonko Service, Board Mtg., BWA NY's Luncheon
January 26	Sunday Service, DS Mochitsuki

February 2	Pet Memorial/Nirvana Day Service
February 9	Sunday Service, Coffee Hour
February 16	Sunday Service, Board Mtg., 8:30 AM

PLEASE NOTICE THE NEW 2024 TOBAN ROSTERS AND CHAIRPERSONS.

Questions/concerns, please contact Michael Shiogi (253) 226-5812, mshiogi@comcast.net or Tracy Ling (253) 370-0933, tling12005@gmail.com

DECEMBER TOBAN

Meesa Pedrozo
Nate & Erina Foote
Jim Doyle
Ian Sok
Brian & Etsuko Willis
Lynn Blick
Jane Burster

JANUARY 2025

Kjirsten Winters
Shizuka Faria
Tracy & Richard Ling
Chikako Inoue
June & Barry Weled
Ellen Shigeno
Emiko & John Kurata
Glenn Morita

FEBRUARY 2025

Kenzo Yoshitomi
Al & Donna Sasaki
Karen Yoshitomi
Kaila Yoshitomi
Kazuko Inoue
Rose Kishi
Ed & Kimiko Fujinaga
Ted Matsumoto

COFFEE HOUR UPDATES: Toban Chairs: **December 22** (Meesa Pedrozo), **January 12** (Kjirsten Winters), **February 9, 2025** (Kenzo Yoshitomi)

Coffee Hours: All coffee hours will be held in the social hall for now. Set up tables and chairs (take down after it's over). Provide coffee, tea, etc. Snacks can be made or store bought.

**** OTHER DECEMBER TOBAN CLEAN UP DUTIES:** Set up time with November Toban to clean the Temple, dust and vacuum pews, support BWA with Bodhi Day activities.

****OTHER JANUARY 2025 TOBAN CLEAN UP ACTIVITIES:** Set up time with February Toban to clean the temple. Help with planning and assisting with the New Year's Party/Keiro Luncheon, assist BWA with making Ozenzai - set-up of tables, serve ozenzai (**Jan. 19**), clean up kitchen and social hall. (HOONKO)

**** OTHER FEBRUARY 2025 TOBAN CLEAN UP ACTIVITIES:** Set up time with January Toban to clean the temple. TENTATIVE - Provide light lunch for 20 - 25 people for Sukiyaki set up. (week before)

All Toban Chairs: Please email or call your Toban Groups to let them know of the above activities, especially for the set-up and clean-up of temple events occurring during your Toban months. Also arrange times for the monthly clean-up of the temple. Clean-up duties and supply list are posted in the kitchen ONLY. NEW PORTABLE VACUUM CLEANERS ARE LOCATED IN THE CLOSET BEHIND THE ALTAR.

Event Reminder: Bodhi Day Service/General Mtg./Potluck - **December 8**, Temple Clean up - **December 15**, Coffee Hour - **December 22**, New Year's Eve Service - **December 31**, 10:00 AM, New Year's Day Service - **January 1, 2025**, 10:00 AM

A NEW RESPONSIBILITY WAS ADDED TO THE MONTHLY CLEAN-UP FOR TOBANS: In the Rev. Pratt Room kitchen, please clean out the refrigerator of outdated food and wipe out the shelves. A CONTENT SIGN IN SHEET will be posted on the refrigerator. It will also be posted on the Temple Clean Up List as one for the jobs. Thanks for your support on this issue.

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND HELP WITH OUR TEMPLE.
Tracy Ling/Michael Shiogi

Greeter's List

December	1	Bobby Yotsuuye/David Yotsuuye
	8	Chiko Faria/Joel Robison
	15	Inge Family
	22	Claire Silver/Gavin Morgan
	29	Brian & Etsuko Willis
January 2025	5	Claire Silver/Tom Hubbell
	12	Gavin Morgan/Coco Inoue
	19	Del Sasaki/Claire Silver
	26	Mike Shiogi/Debby Abe
February	2	Barry & June Weled
	9	Jeff Hiroo/Jane Burster
	16	Kara O'Toole & KT Hendrie
	23	Inge family



Greeter's Notes

BEFORE GUESTS ARRIVE

- Put out the carpet in front of the entrance door.
- Put the "Please knock" sign on front door.

AFTER THE SERVICE

- Bring the carpet back into foyer.
- Bring the "Please knock" sign in.

- Please have new visitors sign the visitor sign-in sheet in the binder and give them the following:
- Temple Information Booklet (pale green cover)
- TBT Information Sheet with temple info and recommended books
- Spirit, Mind and Body information flyer

Extra supplies are in the office supply room off the Rev Pratt room in the file drawer labeled Membership. Please do a headcount, including downstairs and balcony, and enter it into the Visitor Sign-In sheet. If you are not available, please find your replacement. More detailed greeter instructions are in the Visitor Binder in the foyer.

Yearly Memorial Service

Memorial Service Years for 2024

1 st Year - 2023	17 th Year - 2008
3 rd Year - 2022	25 th Year - 2000
7 th Year - 2018	33 rd Year - 1992
13 th Year - 2012	50 th Year - 1975



Memorial Service Years for 2025

1 st Year - 2024	17 th Year - 2009
3 rd Year - 2023	25 th Year - 2001
7 th Year - 2019	33 rd Year - 1993
13 th Year - 2013	50 th Year - 1976

December 2024

7 th Year	Toyoko Komure Nakagawara	December 25, 2018
17 th Year	Hatsue Itami	December 4, 2008
50 th Year	Hiroyuki Shimizu	December 27, 1975

January 2025

3 rd Year	Shinobu Inoue	January 9, 2023
13 th Year	Shigeru John Sasaki	January 21, 2013
13 th Year	George Murakami	January 29, 2013
25 th Year	George Kimoto Tanabe	January 19, 2001
25 th Year	Marianne Sueko Takagi	January 31, 2001

February 2025

17 th Year	Mary Masugi	February 1, 2009
25 th Year	Robert Walter Picket	February 6, 2001
25 th Year	Yoshio Asahara	February 18, 2001

Pledges

Thank you for your continued support of our temple.
Happy Holidays to everyone.
I am looking forward to seeing you at the General Membership Meeting on December 8th.

2025 Membership Pledge forms are due January 31st.

Total members: 120

In Gratitude, Tracy Ling, tling12005@gmail.com, Pledge Administrator

Membership Pledges

as of November 15, 2024:

2024 Pledges made: \$93,995.00
2024 Pledges paid: \$87,918.00

The Tacoma Buddhist Temple, BWA and YBA would like to thank the following people for their recent donations.

The Tacoma Buddhist Temple received the following donations from 10/21/24 - 11/22/24:

***IMO - In Memory Of**

xx	Patti Wong	Bazaar Donation
\$100.00	Robert Allen	Bazaar Donation
\$100.00	Steve Tamaki	Bazaar Donation
\$50.00	Isao & Hiroe Nakagawara	Bazaar Donation
\$150.00	Del & Cynthia Sasaki	Bazaar Donation
\$150.00	Robert & Vicki Yoshioka	Bazaar Donation
\$30.00	Kazuko Inoue	Eitaikyo
\$50.00	Sean Tanino	Eitaikyo
\$100.00	Ken & Lynne Tanino	Eitaikyo
\$50.00	Kevin & Mayumi Ikeda	Eitaikyo
\$30.00	John & Emiko Kurata	Eitaikyo
\$50.00	Daniel Otsuka	Eitaikyo
\$1,000.00	Charlotte Omoto	Eitaikyo - IMO my husband
\$500.00	Netelie & Dean Field	For the greatest good
\$100.00	Angela Dolman	In honor of the memory of Demi Renai Nibbana aka Jonathon Jay Dolman (9/16/67 - 11/5/16)
\$30.00	Joyce McMahon	IMO George Tamiyasu (Great-Great Uncle to Dennis & Dillon Tisdale)
\$100.00	Aimee Shigeno Lew	IMO Masaye Shigeno's 17th Year Memorial
\$100.00	Darlene Shimizu	IMO Masaye Shigeno's 17th Year Memorial
\$200.00	Edward Hara	IMO Minoru & Toyoko Nakagawara & Minoru's Older Sister Komayo & Husband George Yoshio Hara - For Eitaikyo - Muen Memorial Service
\$200.00	Kiyomi Fujita	IMO Toshie Fujita
\$200.00	Hideko Surface Family	Memorial Service Donation IMO Hideko Surface
\$500.00	Tamaki Family	Memorial Service Donation IMO Tetsuo Tamaki
\$1,000.00	Tamaki Family	Memorial Service Donation IMO Tetsuo Tamaki
\$25.00	Kemi Nakabayashi	Minds of Ministers
\$500.00	Elsie & Dave Murakami	Toyoko Nakagawara 7th Year Memorial

BWA:

xx	Michael/Priscilla Shiogi	John Sasaki – 13 yr.
xx	Michael/Priscilla Shiogi	George Murakami – 13 yr.
xx	Michael/Priscilla Shiogi	Bodhi Day
\$300	Donna Sasaki	Special
\$25	Patti Wong	Food Drive

Thank You for your support!



Welcome New Members!!

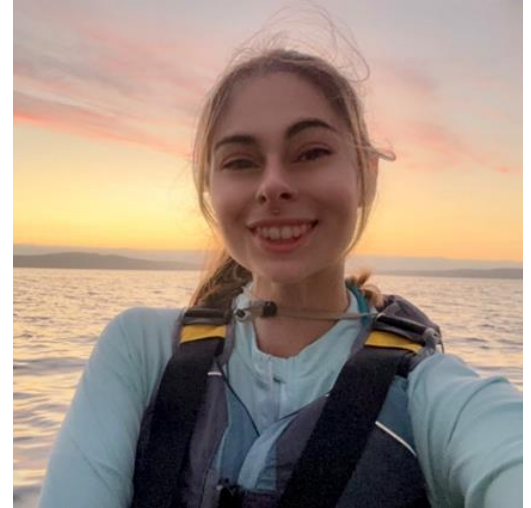
Jennifer Parretta

1. Where are you from?

I was born and raised in the Lakewood area. My family has been in the area since the early 1960s. I've migrated between Lakewood and Tacoma over my adult years but have settled back in Lakewood for the moment.

2. Why have you chosen to join the Tacoma Buddhist Temple?

My grandma used to be involved with the temple and would bring me to events when I was younger. I've also been on a personal journey of reconnecting with my Japanese heritage and developing a Buddhist practice as a way of honoring my grandma. I'm also hoping to connect with those who may have known my grandmother as I've been on a quest to obtain my Koseki from Japan and would love to share memories. Her name is Sueno Nishino Parretta (1927-2013), she was very involved with the BWA at both Tacoma and White River Temples. ♡



3. Do you have any skills or interests that can add to the Temple and The Sangha?

I'm a therapist and practice art therapy and nature therapy. Another reason I joined is that I have been integrating Buddhist and Japanese psychology into my practice over the years and have wanted to connect deeper with Buddhism for myself. I also integrate a lot of Japanese art into the art therapy side of things! I would be happy to offer some art, nature, & spirit/wellness classes. I also do things like nature walks and mindful art in nature. I even recently did a kintsugi inspired training that I would love to share.

4. What is the one thing that you want the Temple to know about you?

I love learning about everything and experiencing as much as possible. I recently have gotten into sailing and appreciate the ocean metaphors used in Shin Buddhism! You can usually find me by the sea or near the mountain!

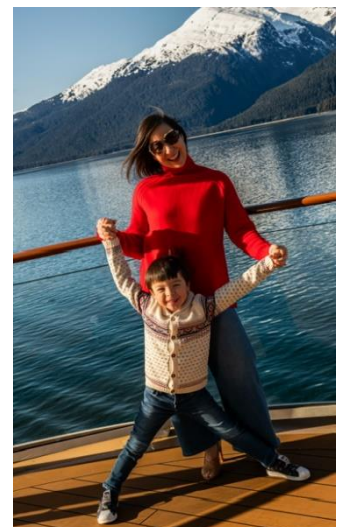
Warmly,
Jenn Parretta

Cooper and Juliet LeGloahec

Aloha Tacoma Buddhist Temple! Cooper and I are so delighted to be a part of your lovely community! We are a military family and have no choice but to move quite regularly. With that, it is hard to find a community of like-minded folks- so thank you for being just that!

1. Where are you from?

Cooper was born in San Antonio, TX and has had the opportunity to live in CA, AL and Germany. I am from the Bay Area (CA), and was raised half time in El Cerrito, CA and the other half in San Francisco, CA. I went to UC Santa Barbara and UH-Manoa for graduate school.



2. Why have you chosen to join the Tacoma Buddhist Temple?

We have chosen to be a part of your community because not only did it feel right when we walked through your doors, but your words, values and beliefs are in alignment with ours! Additionally, being half Japanese, and due to historical influences though I always wanted to be a part of the Buddhist community I just didn't feel fully welcome. The lovely, accepting and kind environment this sangha shares with newcomers is felt and appreciated.

3. Do you have any skills or interests that can add to the Temple and The Sangha?

My super power is selflessly serving our homeless Veteran community as a Clinical Social Worker. I take deep pride and care in advocating, supporting, or just simply being there for our underserved homeless community and would love to share any insight or information if you know of a veteran in need of resources that is expecting homelessness.

4. What is the one thing that you want the Temple to know about you?

Cooper would like to share that he is a disciplined nature loving Karate student working towards becoming a ninja. Our little family loves the outdoors, playing chess, tennis and golf.

Gyotaku Class led by Carrie Mori

Spirit, Mind and Body Series



On Sunday, Nov 17, Carrie Mori graciously led an art class that demonstrated a traditional form of Japanese art that began over 100 years ago as a way for fishermen to keep a record of the fish they caught. It is called gyotaku.

Carrie began by sharing her background and love of fly fishing and tenkara fishing.

Very impressive! This class used faux fish, ink, and rice paper to make imprints on very thin rice paper. At first glance – the technique looks simple. But not so! Attendees had a great time trying their hand at using the potent ink, blotting and painting an eye on the fish which can make all the difference! Thank you, Carrie for your efforts in leading this class.



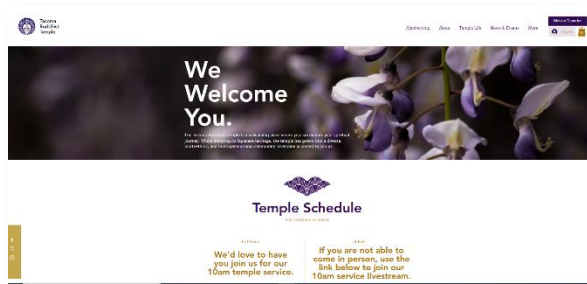
THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!

This year's Fall Bazaar Fundraiser was a success! Thank you to everyone who helped make this event happen no matter how big or small your role. Whether you purchased items at the event or helped prep days leading up, your impact means a lot. It was great to see new and familiar faces connect throughout the event!

Thank you again,
Emma



Our Temple Website – Changes Abound!



www.tacomabt.org

Our website is a very important means of communication to inform and connect with community and potential members. We are excited to announce that with the help of **Emma Inge**, she has turned our



older format into a fresh experience. Taking an old website and content into a new one takes care and time, so thank you Emma for doing all of this in time for the Fall Bazaar. The shopping cart was also updated through a new ecommerce platform and integration with website software.



In addition to Emma helping with minor updates on the old site, for over 20+ years, member **Glenn Morita** donated the cost to host our website on a secure server which is key to allowing access to the site. He also donated his time to update documents. The temple would like to acknowledge Glenn and extend a huge thank you!

In addition, **Alberto Zevallos**, a friend of Fred Pelger and Les Hitsman, helped with website updates from warm Costa Rica for nearly 5+ years.

We thank everyone who has helped to maintain our website and we will continue to make updates as needed. The board is looking for help to maintain our site built on Wix, so if you'd like to help, please contact John Inge! john@seaingec.com

Gassho,
The Temple Board



Tacoma Buddhist Temple

Joya-E and Shusho-E

New Year's Eve and Day Service

December 31, 2024 – 10 AM
January 1, 2025 – 10 AM



Book Club
January 9, 2025 @ 7 PM
King's Books

The Half Known Life: In Search of Paradise
Author: Pico Iyer

Tacoma Buddhist Temple Board of Directors Meeting Minutes October 20th, 2024

In Attendance: Gavin Morgan, Alex Theisen, Rev. Koyama, John Inge, Kaila Yoshitomi, Mike Shiogi, Claire Silver, Tom Hubbell, Junko Yotsuuye, Tracy Ling, David Yotsuuye, Kara O'Toole, Denise Cline, Lynrae Hubbell, Jane Burster, Jim Doyle,

Excused: Ken Tanino, Jet Yotsuuye, Mayumi Ikeda, Erik Hammerstrom, Coco Inoue, Nate Foote

1. Meeting called to order at 8:30 am. – president, John Inge

2. Nembutsu – Rev. Koyama

3. September 22nd, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Lynrae moved to approve the board meeting minutes. David seconded the motion. Motion approved by the board.

4. Minister's Report – Rev. Koyama; report in Google Drive

- The first 2 weeks of November will have sensei absent from temple and at the Jodo Shinshu Center teaching the chanting to the Kyoshi-Kyoshu ministers.
- 2025 Tokudo ministers begin soon
- March 19th to 21st, 2025 Sensei will be in Japan for the final confirmation of the new ministers

5. President's Report – John Inge; report in Google Drive

- Ted Tamaki's memorial organization
- New website is soft-launched, working with groups
- Bazaar planning

6. Organization/Committee Updates: All reports in Google Drive

- Finance
 - Nate and Ken Tanino met with Merrill Lynch and got information, which they will bring to the investments subcommittee
- YBA
 - Hosting Halloween party for everyone next week
- BWA
 - Poinsettia sale discussion: Dharma school and BWA were going to discuss where the money goes
 - April 27th tentative BWA 100th year celebration
- Membership
 - BCA is requiring counts in October instead of January, so those have been submitted
 - Hardship fund was used to support a member in 2023, \$64 were used
 - Hardship fund now at \$624

7. New Business:

- 2025 Temple Calendar
 - Moving Sukiyaki Date to Sunday March 2nd.
- Website Developer Alberto Zevallos
 - Alberto (Tito) Zevallos has been our web developer for the past 12 years and did it mostly as a donation.
 - Send Tito an orei (\$500) and a letter on behalf of the temple in thanks for his 12 years of service and support for the temple website
 - **MOTION:** Tom moved to send Tito \$500 and a letter of thanks on behalf of the temple. David seconded the motion. Motion approved by the board. John will manage this.
- Emergency Safety Committee
 - Please read through the Emergency Safety Committee plan for a vote for next meeting
 - Discussed the intruder that came in during Ted Tamaki's funeral service, and brought up the safety committee

8. Old Business:

- Ricoh Printer Training
 - Training went well and the printer seems intuitive
- Temple Website
 - Aim to be completed by next board meeting
 - John and Emma are working on this, so for the moment, contact them to make changes
 - Denise sees an error on the BWA page and pointed it out to John
 - Kaila asks who is in charge of watching and responding to the inquiries that come in through the Wix app.
- Temple Database

- No progress at the moment
- Joel should be sending out another link soon for board members
- Proclamation of Indigenous Peoples
 - Erik was unable to find the resources he was hoping to find
- Capital Campaign Discussion
 - The board voted on priority and the aligned like this:
 - Security
 - Temple Renovation
 - Audio
 - Parsonage Renovation
 - Garage Renovation
 - Tom, David, Nate, and John would like to sit down and break down the estimate options currently available.
 - Claire looked into Audio upgrades:
 - Only one bid because it will be at cost. \$6000 for all 8 inputs (individual channels for mic, organ, etc) that were requested. The cost could be brought down if we only did a 2 input amp. There should not be a lot of installation cost or time. More bids could be acquired, but this is the best quality at cost.
 - Could this system be used for the video presentation/live stream of the service.
 - Is one of the channels able to be used for a laptop when giving presentations or live streaming national services.
 - John looked into the metal exterior doors.
 - Reached out to two security systems and they did not contact John back
 - Nate has reached out into the gate company that was used in the parsonage.
 - Fence guy will have a quote next month
 - Tom will look into porch renovations and other exterior elements:
 - Received estimates from both contractors
 - Camera Systems and internal sensors:
 - Still waiting on a quote
 - David is contacting security firm

8. Alex's Activities:

- Action List Reminders updated and followed up on:
 - All have been updated
 - Library books
 - Glass cabinets not being used for much in the foyer, like to move it to the library to put the rare and out of print books in.
 - Sensei did go through the book to mark the ones that are rare and out of print

9. From the Floor:

- **MOTION:** Jim moved to have the April 27th 100th Anniversary BWA Celebration. Gavin seconded the motion. Motion approved by the board.
- Would the board like to host the Keiro luncheon as it used to be in the past. Could we have a zoom about this as a board.

10. Tag Up:

Open forum for board members to discuss concerns observed or miscommunication

- N/A

11. Announcements/Services Schedule:

- Sunday, Nov. 10th - Bazaar
- Wednesday, 13th – Jodo Shinshu 101
- Thursday, Nov. 14th - Book Club
- Sunday, Nov. 17th - Eitaikyo Service

12. Meeting adjourned at 9:46 am.

Respectfully submitted,
 Alex Theisen
 TBT Board Secretary



*December 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 Sunday Service at 10 am No Dharma School						
8 Bodhi Day Service 10 am General Meeting after Service Potluck Luncheon after meeting			11 Study Class Via Zoom 6 pm			
15 Board meeting 8:30 am Sunday Service 10 am Annual Temple Clean-up Final Dharma School Class	16 Myokyo Deadline					
22 Sunday Service at 10 am No Dharma School Coffee Hour after service						
29 Sunday Service 10 am No Dharma School		31 Joya-e New Year's Eve Service 10 am				

*January 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 Shusho-E New Year's Day Service 10 am			
5 Sunday Service at 10 am No Dharma School New Year's/Keiro Party after			8 Study Class Via Zoom 6 pm	9 Book Club King's Books 7:00 PM		
12 Sunday Service 10 am Dharma School After Service Coffee Hour after service						
19 Board Meeting 8:30 am Hoonko Service at 10 am Dharma School BWA NY's party	20 Myokyo Deadline					
26 Sunday Service 10 am Dharma School Mochitsuki						