

Meeting was called to order by Pres. A. Kosakura. Gassho was led by Bishop S. Hanayama. Present were: Bishop Hanayama, Revs. G. Abiko, S. Naito, T. Tsuji, S. Mizutani, C. Terakawa; Drs. K. Taira, R. Mune-kata; Messrs. H. Naramura, H. Ito, H. Inouye, Y. Ando, K. Tanihara, W. Waki, J. Abe, R. Nakatani, N. Ishitani, N. Hanyu, B. Sato, C. Sato, A. Kosakura, G. Higashioka, J. Kebo, A. Chiamori, M. Nakashima, W. Nosaka, and H. Kashiwagi.

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Rev. K. Motoyama to Palo Alto

Rev. H. Fujimoto from Fresno to Placer

Rev. H. Sugimoto retired

Rev. A. Hata to Fresno Betsuin

Rev. R. Masuoka from Ogden to Los Angeles Betsuin

Rev. T. Teramoto and Rev. Y. Kikuchō returned to Japan

Rev. A. Takemoto--leave of absence from full time ministry
Rev. S. Mohri and Rev. K. Kumata made Fuku Rinban of Los Angeles Betsuin
Rev. Grace Kakukawa placed at Los Angeles Betsuin

Question on the use by newspapers of such titles as deputy rinban, etc. was raised and this was referred to Rev. T. Tsuji for research.

Rev. Tsuji gave the following report of the Bureau of Buddhist Educ.:

1. Tapes and records of Buddhist music being recommended to churches and funeral parlors
2. Ministers handbook available
3. Adult educ. pamphlets introduced to BCA SS Material Dept.
4. Contacts have been made with publishers in other countries for titles at discount (books)
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6. Asilomar seminar--detail report later
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9. Book dept. being established

Mr. Hanyu reported on the establishment of a sales dept. which will handle all sales at BCA. As for capital funds will be borrowed at current interest rate from different departments. The mechanics of the capitalization was referred to Rev. Tsuji, N. Hanyu and Mr. Kosakura.

It was moved and seconded to accept the establishment of the Bureau of Buddhist Education Sales Dept. Motion was carried.

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Relative to welfare of ministers, Mr. B. Sato moved that the Board of Trustees of Apprec. Fund for Ministers be directed to enlarge the plan to include provisions for minister's welfare. Motion was seconded and passed.

Chair was turned over to Mr. B. Sato.

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Dr. Taira gave a short report on the progress of the Spec. Proj. Fund drive. He stated that the drive will begin in earnest in Sept. and a steady flow of press releases will come out. This year the drive has gained stimulation by the interest and active participation of the YBA. Mr. Hanyu gave a financial report--current balance of \$22,349.62. (see report) Dr. Taira stated that the committee will meet in October possibly in Los Angeles.

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Mr. B. Sato moved to thank Mr. W. Nosaka for donating plaque and gavels. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted, H. Kashiwagi

Buddhist Churches of America
Financial Statement
as of August 19, 1959

Balance as of December 31, 1958		\$ 11,500.26
Total Receipts since January 1, 1959	\$ 41,598.92	
Total Disbursements since January 1, 1959	<u>47,213.89</u>	
Net Decrease		<u>< 5,614.97 ></u>
Current Balance		<u>\$ 5,885.29</u>

Union Oil Fund

Balance as of December 31, 1958		\$ 6,691.77
Total dividends earned to date	300.58	
Less transfers to BCA General Fund	<u>5,759.60</u>	
Net Decrease		<u>< 5,459.02 ></u>
Current Balance (Home Savings and Loan)		<u>\$ 1,232.75</u>

San Francisco	50.00	
San Jose	55.00	105.00
San Luis Obispo	100.00	
Stockton		100.00
Watsonville		100.00
West Los Angeles		100.00
National YMA		1,000.00
Costa Rica YMA		50.00
Total Contributions	965.00	2,092.00

Buddhist Churches of America
Special Projects Fund
August 22, 1959

Reconciliation With Cash Account

Bank Balance - statement - July 29, 1959	\$ 34,336.54
Add: Deposits since statement above	<u>725.00</u>
Adjusted Balance at August 22, 1959	35,061.54
Deduct: Outstanding checks	<u>12,711.92</u>
Cash Balance, August 22, 1959	<u>\$ 22,349.62</u>

Summary of Cash Account

Balance as of December 31, 1958	\$ 37,726.55
Add: Contributions	\$ 3,054.50
Less: Disbursements	<u>18,431.43</u>
Net Decrease	< 15,376.93 >
Current Balance	<u>\$ 22,349.62</u>

Breakdown of Contributions Received
as of August 22, 1959

	1958	1959
Arizona		30.00
Fresno	163.00	52.00
Ontario	594.50	
Reedley	50.00	
San Francisco		60.00
San Jose	55.00	150.00
San Luis Obispo	100.00	
Spokane		100.00
Watsonville		350.00
West Los Angeles		50.00
National YBA		1,000.00
Coast District YABA		<u>300.00</u>
Total Contributions	962.50	2,092.00