

## Call To Meeting May 18, 1949

7:30 P.M.

A meeting was called on May 18 1949 at 7:30 P.M. by Rev. Naito. Mr. Takano and Mr. Ota called on the Young Peoples to give them their personal invitations.

The purpose of the gathering was to discuss the formation of a Young Adult Club or Sonnenkai of the Alameda Buddhist Church.

In attendance were Hideo Yamashita, Sat Yamasaki, Taro Takeda, Geo. Tsuchiya, John Takemoto, Yutaka Nakayama, Tomio Okamoto, Shunichi Ishida, Susumu Tomine, Takashi Takahashi, Sam Uchiimi, and Rev. Naito, ~~and~~ Mr. Ota, and Mr. Takano. The latter are member of the older group, and probably will be our advisors.

After various discussions, Hideo Yamashita and Sam Uchiimi were appointed as Temporary Chairman and Secretary respectively.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 P.M.

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PREAMBLE

We, the young Buddhists of the Buddhist Temple of Alameda, in order to support and aid in the welfare and development of our Church and in the advancement of the principles of Buddhism, do establish this constitution for the Sonenkai.

ARTICLE I. NAME

Section 1. The name of this organization shall be the Sonenkai.

Section 2. The Headquarters of this organization shall be the Buddhist Temple of Alameda, located at 2325 Pacific Avenue, Alameda, California.

ARTICLE II. PURPOSE

Section 1. The object of this organization shall be to promote, sponsor and encourage any and all programs, projects and activities which shall be designed to further the welfare of our Church.

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ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. The membership of this organization shall be composed of Buddhists, who are 21 years of age or more and who shall have agreed to comply with and abide by the Constitution and By-Laws of this organization.

ARTICLE IV. OFFICERS

Section 1. The executive powers of this organization shall be vested in the Cabinet, which shall be composed of elected officers, appointed officers and the past president who shall have completed his or her term during the past year.

Section 2. The elective officers shall be the President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, Asst. Treasurer, Public Relation Chairman, Social Chairman.

Section 3. The President with the consent of the Cabinet, shall have power to appoint special officers, whenever deemed necessary.

Section 4. Term of Office shall be one year.

Section 5. The quorum necessary to conduct the business shall be two-thirds of members present.

ARTICLE V. DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1. The duties of the President shall be to preside at all meetings and to supervise the affairs of this organization with the approval of the membership, and to represent the organization at any and all meetings to which the organization may be invited or to appoint a suitable person in his stead.

- Section 2. The duties of the Vice-Presidents shall be to perform such tasks as may be assigned by the President, and assume all duties of the President in his or her absence.
- Section 3. The duties of the Recording Secretary shall be to keep a record of the minutes of the meetings and to perform such other tasks as may be assigned.
- Section 4. The duties of the Corresponding Secretary shall be to perform all correspondence, and shall notify members of meetings.
- Section 5. The duties of the Treasurer shall be to keep an accurate and correct account of all monies received or disbursed by the organization and to make payments by and with the approval of the Cabinet. He shall make quarterly reports to the membership.
- Section 6. The duties of the Asst. Treasurer shall be to assist the Treasurer in every way possible, and to perform such other tasks as may be assigned.
- Section 7. The duties of the Public Relation Chairman shall be to take charge of all publicity and literary work of this organization.
- Section 8. The duties of the Social Chairman shall be to take charge of all social activities of this organization.
- Section 9. The First Vice-President shall assume the position and duties of the President for the remainder of the term should a vacancy occur in that office. In the event of such a contingency, the second vice-president shall become the First.
- Section 10. The Cabinet shall appoint active members to all other vacancies which shall occur among the elective officers, and such appointees shall serve until the next election.

#### ARTICLE VI. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

- Section 1. The election of officers shall be by majority vote of the membership.

#### ARTICLE VII. ADVISORS

- Section 1. The Reverend of the Buddhist Temple of Alameda, shall be the Chief Advisor of this organization.
- Section 2. The Associate Advisors shall be elected by the members of this organization.

#### ARTICLE VIII. AMENDMENTS

- Section 1. The Constitution and the By-Laws of this organization shall be subject to amendment by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I.

Section 1. The active members shall be entitled to all the rights and privileges of this organization, including the right to hold elective offices.

Section 2. The annual dues shall be \_\_\_\_\_ payable \_\_\_\_\_.

ARTICLE II.

Section 1. The annual election of officers shall be held not later than the last day of December of each year.

Section 2. The officers shall assume the posts to which they have been elected not later than the last day of January of each calendar year.