

# News letter – Issue 1, 2016



## Atlantic Buddhist Cultural and Meditation Society

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### Special events and announcements

#### By President, Rev. Sirinanda

Meditation program is held every Sunday from 9:00 -11:00 am. One hour guided meditation is followed by a Dhamma discussion based on Dhammapada.

Monthly dhamma talk is held on the sil program dates and the times will be indicated in the sil program.

### Briefing of the minutes submitted by the

#### Secretary, R. Samarasekera

Minutes of the executive meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> Januray 2016(summary)

- Treasurer position – After serving for one fiscal year ManoriDeshapriyaexpressed her difficulties to continue to a further term, due to increased family and work commitments. Executives expressed gratitude to Manori for the excellent service rendered during the most difficult initial financial year of the society. The treasurer position was filled by SumedhaAselaratchi, leaving the auditor position to be filled. Thank you Sumedha.
- Outgoing treasure presented a financial report for the fiscal year 2015 with no deficit. Thank you Manori.
- The membership applications received were approved by the executive committee.
- The committee entrusted the editor, Swarna Weerasinghe to delegate the newsletter. The items to be included were discussed at the committee meeting.

### Program and Sunday school events and announcements

#### By Vice President, Indra Weerasinghe

#### Dates for the Monthly sil program for the year 2016

Vesak – May 22

Poson – June 19

Esala – July 17

Nikini – August 14

Binara – 16 September 16

Vap – October 15

Ill – November 14

Unuduwap – December 13

#### Dates for Sunday School 2016

March 6<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>

April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>

May 15<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>

June 12<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>

September 4<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>

October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>

November 11<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>

December 11<sup>th</sup>

Special events - Lantern workshop 15<sup>th</sup> May

Sunday school picnic - 7<sup>th</sup> August

### Upcoming Fundraising events

#### By coordinators, ShanthaRanepura and

#### YasanthaRansri

Garage sales Halifax- date TBA

Dartmouth date TBA

Bottle Drive : This was proposed

By Yasnatha. Date TBA

Sale of Rice and curry packets every Two months.

## **Treasures Report (summary)**

**By Sumedha Aselaratchi,**

Forecast for the year 2016

Cash inflow = \$11550.00

-Monthly donations

and membership fees = \$ 10200.00

-Other fundraising = \$1350.00

Cash outflows = \$ 19307.40

Loan payment capital = \$7992.00

Loan payment interest = \$2400.00

Building maintenance = \$8915.40

Cash deficit = \$7757.40

**Treasures note:** *If the potluck is successful as it was last month, we could be able to finance the most of the deficit through that income.*

## **Queries and answers**

Compiled by the Editor: Swarna Weerasinghe

Q1: How can I access the constitution of the society?

A1: *The constitution is available for view, at the temple, and comments can be directed to Reverend Sirinanda.*

Q2: How can I offer alms to reverend on an unscheduled day?

A2: *Alms giving schedule is full. Please direct your requests to Reverend via email or phone. He will attempt to coordinate your need to the best of His ability.*

Q3: How can I see the deed of the temple purchase?

A3: *The temple was purchased by the society through a legal document (contract) and the contract is available to view at the temple.*



See you all on May 22nd, 2016 at our temple.

Q4: What is the status of charitable application to revenue Canada?

A4: *Revenue Canada has assigned a file number and we were informed that the application will be assigned to an officer for review on 2016-05-17.*

Q5: How can I claim the expenses for cash donations, renovations and monthly pledges for income tax purposes?

A5: *Once we receive (hopefully) charitable status, tax receipts will be issued for income tax purposes.*

**Editor's note:** Please direct any inquiries to [atbcmsinquiries@gmail.com](mailto:atbcmsinquiries@gmail.com). Your name will not appear in the questions and answers of the next newsletter. No anonymous queries will be responded.