

# News letter – Issue 2, 2016



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## Special events and announcements

### By Rev. Sirinanda (Chief Priest and the president)

- Meditation program is held every Sunday from 6.00 – 7.30 pm. 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 are included under the sil program (will be circulated prior to the date).
- The society was granted charitable statuses by Canada revenue Agency (CRA).
- Reverend Dikwelle Suddhamma of the Dhakshinarama temple, Mount Levinia, Sri Lanka, was a temporary resident monk and our utmost gratitude to reverend for the services offered to all Buddhists in Atlantic Canada.
- The temple extended services to all four Atlantic provinces including Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick and New Foodland and Labrador.

## Briefing of the Minutes

Minutes of the Special General Meeting held on June 11, 2016 at the temple premises.

The purpose of the Special General meeting was to curtail the objectives of the society, based on the advice from CRA, as follows.

- (1) *To advance religion by establishing and maintaining a house of worship with services and teachings conducted in accordance with the tenets and doctrine of Buddhism; and*
- (2) *To do all such things as are incidental or ancillary to the attainment of the above purposes.*

The special resolution to amend the objectives was passed unanimously with a majority of members vote.

### Minutes of the executive meeting held on 31<sup>st</sup> July 2016

#### (summary):

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss compliances to regulations and obligations of CRA Charitable statuses. June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016, was the official date of the charitable statuses granted to the society and only expenses incurred from that date onwards will be eligible for Income Tax Receipts.

A request to backdate to January was not yet granted.

## Program and Sunday school events and announcements

### Dates for the Monthly sil program for the year 2017

Duruthu – Jan 15  
Navam - February 12  
Madin – March 12  
Bak – April 09  
Vesak – May 14  
Poson – June 11  
Esala – July 9  
Nikini – August 6  
Binara – September 10  
Vap – October 08  
Ill – November 05  
Unduvap – December 03

### Tentative Dates for Sunday school 2017

January – 8, 22  
February- 5, 19  
March – 5, 19  
April – 2, 16  
May – 7, 21  
June – 4, 18  
July - 2, 16  
September- 3, 17  
October -1, 14  
November -5, 19  
December - 10

Special events - Lantern workshop (date to be determined)  
Sunday school picnic –Date to be determined

## Fundraising events

Monthly food packet sale was a huge success in the last year. Following people contributed by donating items, cooking and selling food packets.

Dayani & Sam (Ramya); Leo & Maureen  
Shan & Dinesha ; Tissa & Dhammika  
Kokila & Prasanaga; Sanath & Thilini  
Yasantha & Naleeka; Jerrald & Thushari  
Vishva & Nishadi; Lakshika, Kasuni & Ishini  
Indra & Swarna; Shantha & Sujatha  
Siri & Chami; Kithsiri & Malithi  
Chaminda & Samantha; Sanjeewa & Renu  
Wimal & Renu; Channa & Indu

**Note:** I am sure many other people helped in many ways and my sincere apologies if I have missed your name.

**Much merits to you all!!**

Please reserve a month of the year 2017 to sponsor a food packet sale event and we all will help you to make it a success, as always.

## **Treasures Report (summary)**

**By Sumeda Assalaratchy**

**Financial summary of the year 2016**

**Cash inflow = \$ 18,538.58**

Monthly donations (\$14,745.08)  
and membership fees (\$225.00) = \$ 14,970.08

Food packet sale = \$ 3568.50

**Cash outflows = \$ 18,246.59**

Loan payment capital (\$7992.00)  
and Interest (\$2400.00) = \$ 10,392.00

Electricity, Insurance, Water, Internet + phone, Bank charges,  
printing & stationary, property tax = \$7854.59

**Cash surplus = \$ 291.99**

**Treasures note:** *Since the potluck was successful in the year 2016, we were able to finance the most of the operating expense. Donations were received for some operating expenses (electricity, phone and internet) and we managed without a deficit through that income. Your generous support in the year 2017 will make temple operations a success.*

## **Queries and answers**

Compiled by the Editor: Swarna Weerasinghe

**Q1:** What is the phone number of temple?

**A1:** *The general phone number of the temple is 902-800 0110. Reverend Sirinanda can be reached at 902-580-5454.*

**Q2:** How can I claim the expenses for cash donations, renovations and monthly pledges for income tax purposes?

*The treasurer will issue valid tax receipts for monthly pledges and other expenses that you have produced receipts to him, that were incurred after June 15, 2016.*

**Note:** *Our attempts to get the date back dated to January 1, 2016 were not yet successful.*

**Halifax devotees attending a temple ceremony**



*This issue is dedicated with much gratitude to Reverend Dikwelle Suddamma Thero, who has sprinkled Dhamma dewdrops on all of us with Dhamma wisdom and dedication to guide us on the Dhamma path with a kind attitude and a friendly approach. May reverend attain the supreme blissful state of Nibbana.*

**Q3:** How long is Reverend Suddhamma going to stay in the temple?

**A3:** *Upon request from the devotees, who appreciated reverend's services to the community, reverend Suddhamma intends to stay longer till the middle of the next year.*

**Q4:** Has Reverend Sirinanda completed studies?

**A4:** *With great success Reverend Sirinanda has completed a degree of Masters in Religious Studies at Saint Mary's University Halifax Nova Scotia.*

**Q5:** Who will be sponsoring the Katina Pinkama in the year 2017?

**A5:** *It is our pleasure to inform that Lakshika, Ishini and Kasuni have requested to sponsor the year 2017 katina pinkama. Please contact swaminwahanse for sponsorships of Katina ceremonies in upcoming years.*

**See you all on January 1st, 2017 at our temple.**

**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.

**PEI Monastery monks visit to the temple**



**New Foundland and Labrador Vesak Ceremony online Dharma Dëshana**

