



# Tacoma Buddhist Temple

Jodo Shinshu)

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## MYOKYO 明鏡

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

April 2025

**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



**Natsukashii! A Familiar Feeling**

**Rev. Tadao Koyama**

Hello everyone! Happy April and spring has sprung! As I am writing this newsletter to you all, I am in Japan attending a special Kaikyoshi program being headed by our head temple, Nishi Hongwanji.

Having already participated in one morning service, with my knees aching, I am swept with an overwhelming sense of *natsukashii!* This is a word that reflects this familiar feeling we get from a place, or a setting that brings up a great wealth of emotion, usually from a deep and profound experience. This experience of participating in the morning service at Hongwanji brought up all of these emotions for me! I felt in a sense that I was returning to drink water from the well of Hongwanji.

In America, and in the west, sometimes we have this feeling towards establishments or institutions. It could stem from the Protestant background our country has, but we tend to mistrust establishments and institutions for many reasons. Of course, there is some validity to these feelings as religious institutions have been responsible for abuse, oppression, and prejudicial doctrines.

While I don't believe that Hongwanji is a perfect entity, I can never forget what this institution has done for me and all of the privileges I have been gifted by the head temple. One of them being granted the responsibility to continue to teach the ritual and chanting traditions to future priests of the BCA.

Coming back to Nishi Hongwanji and hearing all of the chanting being done in the traditional manner once again made me realize just how lucky I am to have been able to go and learn at Gonshikishidousho (the ritual chanting school of Nishi Hongwanji). If I had waited even one year, I would not have been able to learn first-hand as the pandemic just happened.

I would like to thank all of the temple members, the BCA and my family for supporting me during my journey of learning at Nishi Hongwanji. For without their blessing, I would not have been able to go! Okagesamade! Namu Amida Butsu.

## President's Message



As we enter April, we celebrate Hanamatsuri, the birth of Shakyamuni Buddha, whose teachings continue to guide and inspire our Sangha. This occasion reminds us of the profound impact of the Buddha's wisdom and compassion in our daily lives. It is also a time to reflect on the strength and dedication of our temple community. Our Sangha is filled with talented and generous individuals who contribute in countless ways—whether through expertly juggling ministerial responsibilities, organizing and processing successful events like this year's Sukiyaki, leading meaningful and welcoming services, skillfully and compassionately teaching the children, or sharing their artistic and musical gifts such as cooking and baking, Myokyo publishing, piano, ukulele, and taiko. Many also provide critical support behind the scenes, ensuring the Temple remains warm and welcoming for all.

I want to express my deepest gratitude to each of you for your contributions, both big and small. Hanamatsuri reminds us that just as the Buddha's birth brought light to the world, so too does your generosity and dedication bring light and harmony to our community. As we move forward, let us continue to embrace wisdom, compassion, and gratitude, supporting one another in the spirit of the Dharma. Thank you for being part of this wonderful Sangha, and I look forward to all that we will accomplish together in the months ahead.

In Gassho,  
Gavin Morgan  
Temple President

## Buddhist Women's Association



Hello BWA Members, Friends and Sangha!

2025 marks Tacoma BWA's 100<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary! To honor our history and all the amazing women that came before us and for the BWA members that will follow, we are holding a special **100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Luncheon on April 27<sup>th</sup>. RSVP is required for the luncheon portion**, and everyone is invited to the regular temple service with a special BWA focus and a brand new gatha written by our own Donna Sasaki. It will be followed by a social hour with historic displays, games and tea and light snacks in the Reverend Pratt room prior to the Luncheon. We hope you will join us for this momentous occasion as we celebrate our past, present and future!

### Upcoming Events

<b>April 5</b>	<b>1 PM</b> Decorate hanamido (BWA Apr/May/June Toban)
<b>April 6</b>	Hanamatsuri
<b>April 27</b>	BWA 100 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Service <b>10 AM</b> , and Celebration Luncheon at <b>12:30 PM</b>
<b>May 11</b>	BWA Cards & Correspondence – after service
<b>May 18</b>	Gotan-e Service –Honor High School Seniors & Parents' Day luncheon
<b>May 31</b>	<b>8 AM</b> Bento Food Preparation
<b>June 1</b>	BWA Bento Sale

In Gassho,  
Denise Cline, Tacoma BWA President



## Dharma School



Thank you, all DS teachers, students and families for volunteering and helping before, during, and after our big Sukiyaki event this year!

Big applause to Nya (our Lotus student), for presenting the Dharma talk on March 9!! And, great job, Lotus class (our high school students), teaching the younger Maitreya/Prajna and Lumbini classes!

**April 6, Hanamatsuri:** Each class will give a presentation during our potluck. DS is in charge of setting up and cleaning for the potluck. **DS families**, please come to the Temple at **9:00 am** to help with setting up.

**April 20:** DS is planning a field trip to Panama Hotel. The details are still firming up, so please stay tuned!

### Dharma School Schedule:

<b>April</b>	<b>6</b>	DS	<b>Hanamatsuri</b> , each class gives a presentation on stage
	<b>13</b>	DS	Regular Class
	<b>20</b>	DS	Field trip
	<b>27</b>	DS	Regular Class
<b>May</b>	<b>4</b>	DS	Regular DS
	<b>11</b>	DS	Regular DS
	<b>18</b>	No DS	<b>Gotan-e, YBA's Parents Day luncheon &amp; Ochigo</b>
	<b>25</b>	No DS	Memorial Day Weekend

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

In Gassho,  
Coco & Junko

## Young Buddhist Association



Finally, springtime everyone!

Despite the rain, I hope you all are enjoying the slightly warmer weather! Thank you to all YBA members who came to help at Sukiyaki, it was a great success! For me it was very nice to see the increase in diners, similar to how it was pre covid. Also, great job Lotus/YBA members for leading an onenju making class on the March 9. With that being said, there are no upcoming YBA events in the near future, but the YBA/Lotus class is in the process of digitizing and archiving the past reverends' and leaders' photos in an effort for conservation. If anyone reading this has resources that would help with this process, please contact me at [enzoyotsuuye@outlook.com](mailto:enzoyotsuuye@outlook.com).

Also, we are planning t-shirt designs and sales for the upcoming Obon, we will have prototypes by the end of the school year!

Gassho,  
Enzo

## Buddhist Education Committee



### **Save the date!**

Saturday, **May 17, 2025** is our Tacoma Buddhist Temple Spring Seminar with guest speaker, **Rev. Landon Yamaoka**, minister of Southern Alameda County Buddhist Church. His discussion topic, “**Hungry Ghosts and Addict Behaviors: Self-Reflection Through a Jodo Shinshu Lens**” should prove to be extremely interesting as he combines his social work experience with Jodo Shinshu understanding. Please mark your

calendars!



Also, I would like to give a shout out to our Tech team, Erik Hammerstrom, Lynrae Hubbell, Kenzo Yoshitomi, Joel Robison and for a short time Rachel Meatte for their hard work to provide tech support for our online temple services. They are an invaluable resource for anything technology related that some (like me!) wouldn't be able to do.

Lastly, hip hip hooray to our Membership committee led by Claire Silver, who with support from committee members, welcomes each new visitor to our temple. It is often a big step for someone to enter a Buddhist temple for the very first time. Our membership people (and really, so many of our members) welcome each new visitor, help them to feel comfortable and explain rituals and answer questions about our services. And as I play music for ending oshoko, members will guide new visitors to offer incense for their very first time. It is heartwarming to see our visitors smile and hopefully feel very welcome on their first visit to Tacoma Buddhist Temple!

Gassho,  
Donna Sasaki

## Facility Committee



Your facility crew always stands ready to remedy assaults on the senses. One person's tacky graffiti is another's Lady Pink, a New York graffiti artist who adorned the city's subways during the 70s and 80s. One of our local artists, who expressed themselves on a kiosk out front, might be a future Lady Pink. However, since the painted scribbles clashed with their surroundings, your facility crew opted to remove the creation. With that visual distraction gone, an auditory irritant was also silenced. A persistent static hiss from a faulty Hondo speaker has now been eliminated for good.



On the safety front, modifications to the Social Hall hood extinguishing system were completed so those fireproof asbestos suits won't be needed by our kitchen staff. Cajun chicken teriyaki is off the menu.

Looking ahead, the calendar year 2025 promises to be a busy time for temple capital improvements. A final quote from the contractor has been solicited, bringing us one step closer to key upgrades.

Our dedicated maintenance team, David Yotsuuye, Robert Yotsuuye, Tom Hubbell, Rick Tanabe, Nick Greenaway, and Del Sasaki, remains the backbone of keeping our temple beautiful.

The team is always watching for litter on Fawcett Avenue and Court D. Also, during the upcoming spring and summer season, Rick Tanabe and Delbert Sasaki's green thumb and vegetation whacking skills will keep our grounds well maintained.

~Dave

## Library



### *Leaves of My Heart By Lady Ohtani*

Lady Takeko Kujo was born the aristocratic daughter of the 21st Abbot of the Nishi Hongwanji, during her lifetime she enjoyed immense prestige as a leading poet, writer, artist, and humanitarian. ***Leaves of My Heart*** was originally published as a series of essays in 1926, in the Yomiuri Shimbun, a major Tokyo newspaper. The essays shown herein are given in their original order, along with a good selection of poems from her Golden Bell collection.

No other book presents the warm, loving thoughts she wished to share with the world. It was her way of saying thank you to the universe of love that embraced her in her hour of need. With *Leaves of My Heart*, it is as if she were giving us a bouquet of Asoka flowers, saying, "Why the sad tears? Look up! There's a wonderful world of love awaiting you in the twinkling of a star!"

Lady Kujo was a devout Buddhist who helped found the Buddhist Women's Association and was an activist to help the poor, providing soup kitchens and free medical aid. In this world of turbulence, *Leaves of My Heart* brings forth a deeper meaning and understanding of our lives through her words written over ninety years ago.

Jane

## Toban Update



Thank you to the March Toban for hosting a coffee hour on March 9!

**April Toban:** Masahiro Sugano (Chair), Rachel Meatte, Debby Abe, Erik Hammerstrom, & Kevin & Mayumi Ikeda.

### Duties

- Clean temple with March Toban
- Host Coffee Hour on **April 13**

**May Toban:** Ken & Lynne Tanino (Chair), Patti Wong, David Campbell, Sudi Powers & Jacque DeSanto

### Duties

- Clean temple with June Toban
- Host Coffee Hour on **May 18**

**June Toban:** David & Kathy Yotsuuye (Chair), Bobby & Junko Yotsuuye, Mike Shiogi, Kenji Shipp, Beth Veile & Steve Schenk

- Clean temple with May Toban
- Host Coffee Hour on **June 15**

All Tobans: Bring dishes for Hanamatsuri **Potluck Lunch on Sunday, April 6**

DS/parents in charge.

- **Main Dish:** January, February, May, August, November, & December Tobans
- **Salads:** July, September, & October Tobans
- **Dessert:** March, April, & June Tobans

Thank you Toban members!

## Greeter's List

<b>April</b>	<b>6</b>	Carrie Mori/Gavin Morgan
	<b>13</b>	Eddie & Michelle Izumizaki
	<b>20</b>	Brian & Etsuko Willis
	<b>27</b>	Claire Silver/Coco Inoue
<b>May</b>	<b>4</b>	Del Sasaki/Carrie Mori
	<b>11</b>	Claire Silver/Debby Abe
	<b>18</b>	Barry & June Weled
	<b>25</b>	Jeff Hiroo/Jane Burster

\*For inquiries, please contact the Membership Committee.



## 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 the 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 2025

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



### April 2025

1 <sup>st</sup> Year	Edward Mayeda	April 27, 2024
7 <sup>th</sup> Year	Robert T. Yoshioka	April 17, 2019

### May 2025

13 <sup>th</sup> Year	Saburo Kusumoto	May 25, 2013
50 <sup>th</sup> Year	Tora Takahashi	May 8, 1976



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

The Tacoma Buddhist Temple received the following donations from 2/17/25 - 3/16/25:

**\*IMO - In Memory Of**

\$250.00	Steve Tamaki & Michelle Chin	Sukiyaki Donation
\$50.00	Anonymous	Sukiyaki Donation
\$80.00	Robert Allen	Sukiyaki Donation
\$50.00	Helen Boyer	Sukiyaki Donation in Honor of Brian & Etsuko Willis
\$50.00	Isao & Hiroe Nakagawara	Sukiyaki Donation
\$50.00	Sean Tanino	Sukiyaki Donation
XX	Patti Wong	Sukiyaki Donation
\$100.00	Jen Kammerzell	Sukiyaki Donation
\$35.00	Joyce McMahon	IMO John McMahon (Ojichan to Dennis & Dillon Tisdale)
\$1,000.00	Richard Hayashi	In memory of Beverly Hayashi
48.00	Brian & Etsuko Willis	Sukiyaki Donation

**BWA:**

\$5	Michelle Izumizaki	Special donation
XX	Michael/Priscilla Shiogi	Lady Kujo & Lady Ohtani/BWA Memorial service
XX	Michael/Priscilla Shiogi	IMO Katsuji Abe 13 yr
\$100	Jeff/Vivian Hiroo	BWA 100th anniversary
\$30	Thelma Abe	Lady Kujo & Lady Ohtani/BWA Memorial service
\$50	Ellen Shigeno	Lady Kujo & Lady Ohtani/BWA Memorial service
\$100	Thelma Abe	IMO Katsuji Abe 13 yr
XX	Patti Wong	IMO Katsuji Abe 13 yr
\$30	Kazuko Inoue	Lady Kujo & Lady Ohtani/BWA Memorial service
XX	Georgette Magnin	Special donation
\$15.85	Kazuko Inoue	Sandwich bags for daifuku mochi
\$50	Denise Cline	Lady Kujo & Lady Ohtani/BWA Memorial service
\$4	Carrie Mori	Special donation

Thank You for your support!

**Book Club**

Thursday, April 10 @ 7 PM

KING's BOOKS

**Refuge in the Storm: Buddhist  
Voices in Crisis Care**

Author: Nathan Jishin Michon

**BOOK CLUB**

Thursday, May 8 @ 7 PM

KINGS BOOKS

**The Buddhist and the Ethicist**

Authors: Singer & Shih

# Welcome New Members!!

## Sudi Powers



### 1. Where are you from?

I grew up in Texas and did most of my education there. I joined the Navy to help pay for my medical schooling and training and lived in San Diego, CA and Keflavik, Iceland for them. I then moved to Gig Harbor with my family. We've been here for about 15 years.

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

I recently underwent training in Chicago for several months. Much of the training had a basis in Buddhism. Buddhism really resonated with my belief systems as well as the way I wanted to live my life and interact with others. I started attending the Midwest Buddhist Temple in Chicago. Upon returning home, I wanted to continue my life as a Jodo Shinshu Buddhist and was fortunate enough to find Tacoma Buddhist Temple.

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

I am a Pediatric Cardiologist with Seattle Children's Hospital and have also maintained my board certification in General Pediatrics. I am a fairly good cook. I enjoy reading books. I am good at event planning and public relations.

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

I am eager to fully join in with the Sangha. I am extremely impressed with the openness and enthusiasm that everyone demonstrates. I want to be a part of that.

## Jacques DeSanto

### 1. Where are you from?

I was born at UCLA Medical center and then moved to Chicago. In 2000, I moved to Gig Harbor, where I currently reside.

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

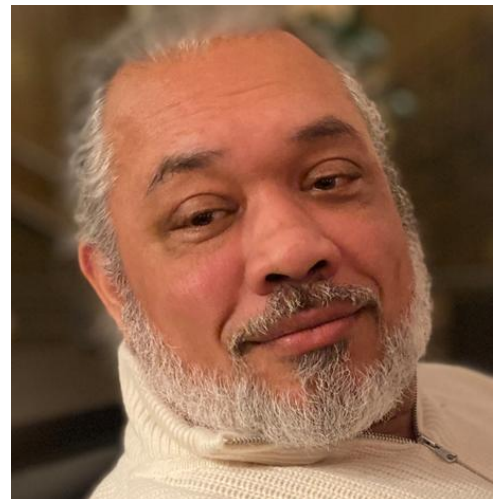
My wife started going to Temple in Chicago and I thought that this is something we could do for each other.

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

The only thing that comes to mind would be my coaching abilities. I currently coach middle school track and field, football and girls basketball, along with weight training.

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

I give my all to everyone and love just about everyone.





Tacoma Buddhist Women's Association

100th Anniversary



Okagesamade. - Zentoyoyo

Looking to a bright future  
because of those who preceded us.

1925-2025

**The Tacoma Buddhist Women's Association would like to invite members of the Tacoma Buddhist Temple to celebrate our 100th Anniversary.**

**Where:** Tacoma Buddhist Temple Social Hall

**When:** *Sunday, April 27, 2025*

**Time:** 10:00 – Special BWA Service - Everyone Welcome  
11:15 – Displays in Reverend Pratt Room – Everyone Welcome  
12:30 – Catered Lunch Celebration for RSVP Guests and Members

**RSVP:** PLEASE RSVP\* if you can attend by **4/7/2025** as seating is limited.

**Contact:** Carrie Mori [taiko411@gmail.com](mailto:taiko411@gmail.com) or phone/text (208) 440-8044

- Yes, I plan to attend by myself  
 Yes, I plan to attend with one guest  
 I will not be able to attend

\*RSVP only required for the complimentary Luncheon of the Celebration.  
Donations graciously accepted.

*Hoping you will be able to join us at this historic celebration.*

Tacoma Buddhist Temple's  
Spirit, Mind and Body Health Series

## UKULELE CLASS FOR ALL LEVELS!

Sunday, March 23, April 13 – After Service

This class is for everyone to join and enjoy. Led by Minister Assistant Erik Hammerstrom, this class will be held in three sessions (1-1.5 hours each).

- You will learn one song per session, focusing on temple Gathas.
- All levels are welcome: The first half hour of each session may focus more for beginners but will adjust per class
- You are encouraged to bring your own ukulele or if you don't have one, please let Erik know as we have a few extras. And if you have a tuner, thank you for bringing that too!
- All music and other information will be provided. Come as you are and ready to learn and have fun!



## LEARN TO READ JAPANESE CHARACTERS IN BUDDHIST SUTRAS

May 4, May 25, June 1 – After service

Hiragana

わらやまはなたさかあ  
をりゆみひにちしきい  
んるよむふぬつすくう  
んれ!めへねてせけえ  
ろしもほのとそこお

Brian Willis, a temple member, will lead this new class! Whether you're familiar or not with Japanese Hiragana – Phonetic Characters of “50 sounds” – this will be engaging and educational. In this class you will learn to read what we chant.

### Topics covered in the class:

- Review of Hiragana: Review for some, new for others.
- Ways to memorize Hiragana characters: diagonals, random, puzzle play.
- A recent translation of San Butsu Ge Sutra from BCA.
- Reading Furigana.
- Practice reading San Butsu Ge Gatha.
- An English translation of the San Butsu Ge.
- Learn to recognize the easy kanji among the characters.
- 32 kanji in San Butsu Ge are kanji learned by first graders in Japan.
- Checklist of first 80 Juyo Kanji characters for first-grade students.



TACOMA BUDDHIST TEMPLE  
PRESENTS

# SPRING SEMINAR

## **Hungry Ghosts and Addict Behaviors: Self-Reflection Through A Jodo Shinshu Lens**

With guest Rev. Landon Yamaoka  
from the Southern Alameda County  
Buddhist Church

We are pleased to host Rev. Landon Yamaoka as he discusses his thesis topic on addiction and recovery utilizing the Jodo Shinshu teachings. Rev. Yamaoka will explore this topic through his ministry and his experience as a social worker with the application of the teachings to the topic of addiction.

This seminar will be hybrid.

**SATURDAY, MAY 17**

Start from 2PM - 4PM

Tacoma Buddhist Temple, 1717  
Fawcett Ave, Tacoma, WA 98402

Cost: Free, Donations welcomed.



Register using this QR code  
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**Tacoma Buddhist Temple**  
**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**  
**February 16, 2025**

**In Attendance:** Tom Hubbell, Claire Silver, Erik Hammerstrom, Gavin Morgan, Kara O'Toole, Kaila Yoshitomi, Bobby Yotsuuye, Meesa Pedrozo, Carrie Mori, Junko Yotsuuye, Alex Theisen, Nate Foote, Denise Cline, Jim Doyle

**Excused:** Jet Yotsuuye, Lynrae Hubbell, Joel Robison, Rachel Meatte

**1. Meeting called to order at 8:30 am.** – president, Gavin Morgan

**2. Nembutsu** – Rev. Koyama

**3. Land Acknowledgement** - president, Gavin Morgan

**4. Motion to Approve Today's Agenda:**

**Motion:** Jim moved to approve today's agenda. Kara seconded the motion. Motion approved by the board.

**5. January 19, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes and Agenda**

**Motion:** Carrie moved to approve the board meeting minutes. Jim seconded the motion. Motion approved by the board.

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

- The next Kyoshi Kyoshu graduation has been moved back until 2026
- A lot of the temples in the NW are getting estimates on their onaijin. We have an estimate already that was given to the treasurer.
- The weekend of Sukiyaki is the BCA national council hosted online. Next year we are hosting the national council, at the Hyatt Recency in Renton

**7. President's Report** – Gavin Morgan; report in Google Drive

- Attended BEC, Membership, and Finance meeting
- BWA New Year's Event

**8. Organization/Committee Updates: All reports in Google Drive**

- Finances: Moving forward, the committee will prepare quarterly reports instead of monthly reports. The committee will also no longer will print the pages each meeting,
  - Our temple's investment portfolio is generally being used to invest in companies that are ESG compliant
  - 500\$ donation to the NW Shin Buddhist Grant is traditionally given from this board
    - **Motion:** Kaila moves to donate \$500 to the NW Shin Buddhist Grant, on behalf of the TBT Board. Erik seconds. Motion approved by the board
- Administration Report: One of the softwares we are looking at was down, so there is not a demo ready for today. Hopefully this will be resolved for next meeting.
- Communication/Outreach: Nothing new to report beyond the YBA beginning the digitization process of the history on the walls. Information is being compiled on the ministers and other important figures. The YBA will also be digitizing images from the walls.
  - Connected with Tomiko Nimura, the author of the book that historically chronicles the J-Town that was here in Tacoma, to be able to archive the large photographs in the hall.
  - Gavin sent Bobby an email
- Toban: Report in Drive
- Facilities/Grounds:
  - Site walk scheduled for fire alarm/burglary systems this week.
  - Another analysis for asbestos this week
  - Phase 1: chimney caps, rear stairs, return temple to original look
  - Need to meet with John to coordinate funding timeline
  - Also, this committee will look at the heaters in the Rev. Pratt Room
- Events: Sukiyaki seems to be on track
- Membership:
  - No new members this past month
  - Continuing education discussion during the last meeting
  - New visitor handbooks are complete
    - Thank you to Erik and Carrie, and all who helped with these efforts
- NW District/BCA:
  - Will be attending the upcoming NW District meeting this month
  - Working with John on the coordination with the Capitol Campaign
- BEC: Report in Drive
  - Rev. Yamaoka will be giving the Spring Seminar in May (May 17th)
- Dharma School: Report in Drive
- BWA: Report in Drive
  - Reminder about the 100th Anniversary Event in April



- YBA: Report in Drive
- Pledge Administration: Report in Drive

**9. New Business:**

- BCA Kindful Grant which is organizing the Fire Relief Fund for temple members in the southern district who have lost their homes in the fires
  - **Motion:** Bobby moves to donate \$1000 to the BCA Kindful Grant for the Fire Relief fund, on behalf of the TBT Board. Kara seconds. Motion approved by the board.
- Grateful Crane Theater Group
  - Information shared about it in case we ever want to have them visit.
- Bylaw Amendment
  - Proposed wording regarding VP2 becoming president at the end of their VP2 term.
  - A concern about term limits for this individual was raised
  - Bylaw changes cannot occur in a board meeting, they must

**10. Old Business:**

- Digital Archive Update: completed above
- Database Progress: Discussed above
- Temple Website Progress
  - The calendar changes need to be sent to Joel so that they can update the calendar
- Capital Campaign Progress: Discussed Above

**11. Alex's Activities:**

- Action List Reminders updated and followed up on:
  - None at this time

**12. From the Floor:**

- N/A

**13. Tag Up:**

**Open forum for board members to discuss concerns observed or miscommunication**

→ N/A

**14. Announcements/Services Schedule:**

- March Myokyo Deadline: Feb. 17
- Coffee Hour - Feb 16
- February Board Meeting - Feb. 16
- BWA General Meeting - Feb. 23
- Sukiyaki - Mar. 2
- Daylight Savings: Spring Forward - Mar. 9
- Coffee Hour - Mar. 9
- Next Board Meeting - Mar. 16

**15. Meeting adjourned at 9:49 AM.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Alex Theisen  
TBT Board Secretary











## \*April 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4	5 BWA toban decorate hanamido 1 PM
6 Hanamatsuri Service at 10 AM Dharma School presentation Potluck after service	7	8	9 Study Class Via Zoom 6 PM	10 Book Club King's Books 7:00 PM	11	12
13 Sunday Service at 10 AM Dharma School/Coffee Hour Spirit Mind Body Ukulele	14	15	16	17	18	19
20 Board meeting at 8:30 AM Sunday Service at 10 AM Dharma School field trip	21 Myokyo Deadline	22	23	24	25	26
27 BWA 100th Anniversary Service at 10 AM BWA 100th Anniversary Celebration after service	28	29	30			

## \*May 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3
4 Sunday Service at 10 AM Dharma School Japanese character class after Service	5	6	7	8 Book Club King's Books 7:00 PM	9	10
11 Sunday Service at 10 AM Dharma School BWA card session	12	13	14 Study Class Via Zoom 6 PM	15	16	17 Spring Seminar 2 PM-4 PM Rev. Landon Yamaoka
18 Board meeting at 8:30 AM Gotan-E Service 10 AM Coffee Hour/honor HS graduates Parent's Day Luncheon	19 Myokyo Deadline	20	21	22	23	24
25 Memorial Day Service 10 AM  Japanese Character class Cemetery visitations 1 PM	26 Memorial Day	27	28	29	30	31 BWA bento prep 8 AM