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Buddhist Church of Lodi
Newsletter

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Saturday, June 23, 2018

12:00 PM – 8:00 PM BCL Annual Obon Bazaar

Sunday, June 24, 2018

12:00 PM – 7:00 PM BCL Annual Obon Bazaar

7:00 PM – 9:00 PM Obon Odori

<OBON PREP DATE>

Thur. June 21, 8:00 AM	Cooking
Fri. June 22, 8:00 AM	Cooking
6:30 PM	Decoration & Set up
Sat. June 23, 7:00 AM	Cooking
Sun. June 24, 7:00 AM	Cooking
Mon. June 25, 6:00 PM	Clean up

*Please come to help our Obon Bazaar including
 Prep and Clean up.

Saturday & Sunday, June 30 & July 1, 2018

Walnut Grove Buddhist Church Bazaar

Sunday, July 8, 2018

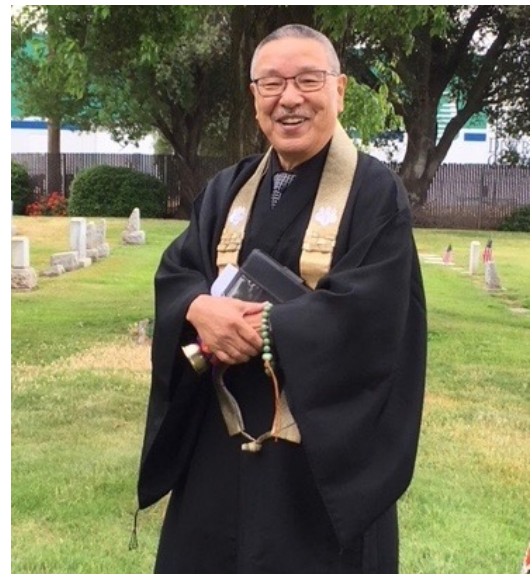
9:30 AM Shotsuki Service

Speaker: Reverend Yukiko Motoyoshi

Sunday, July 15, 2018

10:00 AM Obon/Hatsubon Service

Speaker: Reverend Candace Shibata



Thank you, Rev. Nobuo Miyaji for ministering the
 Buddhist Church of Lodi for the past 14 months.
 The Sangha appreciate your monthly services and
 Dharma talks. We wish you and Okusan Yoshiko
 well in the future and enjoy your grandchildren.

This will be the final schedule for the Obon Bazaar.
 We are looking for additional help in vacant spaces.
 Ask your family members and friends to help.

**Please call or text Hannah Egi at 209-603-1107 to
 sign up.**

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 Church of Lodi**, 23 N. Stockton Street, Lodi, CA 95240.
 There is no subscription charge for members and friends,
 but donations are welcome.

2018 Memorial Service Schedule

In the Jodo Shinshu tradition, family memorial services are held on anniversaries to express gratitude and bring to mind memories of our loved ones. If you have a family member who passed away in the following years, you are encouraged to conduct a family memorial service.

2018 is the memorial year for those who passed away in:

2017	1 year	2002	17 year
2016	3 year	1994	25 year
2012	7 year	1986	33 year
2006	13 year	1969	50 year

BUDDHIST CHURCH OF LODI

General Meeting June 12th

Members present: Pres. Fred Nagata, Joyce Nagata, Judy Waters, Shirley Komatsu, Amy Morita, Gordon Nitta, Hannah Egi, Steve Ogata and David Morimoto.

President Nagata opened the meeting with Gassho.

Minutes – May, 2018.

The minutes of the May meeting were approved as published.

Treasurer's Reports

Special Treasurer – Steve Ogata

Steve reviewed his report for the Board, explaining the various account balances. He noted that the only unusual expenditures were for the newly constructed security fence around the Church property and the expenses to install new gate locks and rekey the various locks. He stated that the Church was receiving donations from members to help pay for the cost of the new fencing. The Board expressed their appreciation for the donations for the fence expenses.

General Treasurer – Bruce Sasaki

Bruce was not present but he did submit a report for the Board's review. There were no unusual income or expense items for the month of May.

Following their review, the Board approved both reports as submitted.

It was brought to the Board's attention that Rev. Miyaji had served four Sunday services in May instead of the usual three he normally conducted. This was due to the Memorial Day

cemetery services he conducted on the last weekend of the month. Additionally, he agreed to come back to conduct the monthly Shotsuki Service in June. His contract with the Church was for three Sundays a month, with his contract ending at the end of May, 2018. The Church and Rev. Miyaji had anticipated that the Church would have a new minister by the beginning of June so that was the agreed upon end date for the contract with Rev. Miyaji was the end of May. Unfortunately, it does not appear that the new minister will arrive in Lodi until sometime in August. Rev. Miyaji has determined that he cannot extend his stay in Lodi beyond his last service, which was June 10th. Because he graciously extended his stay for two additional weeks, the Board felt that it was only proper to compensate him for half a month of additional work. On a motion by Shirley Komatsu, a second by Hannah Egi, the Board unanimously agreed to pay Rev. Miyagi for an additional two weeks of service to the Lodi Church. Bruce Sasaki will be directed to prepare the additional compensation.

LBWA – Judy Waters

There will not be any movie for the month of June. The next movie date will be published in future newsletters.

The LBWA is busy preparing for the Obon Bazaar to be held on June 23rd and 24th. Work schedules are still being filled and everyone is encouraged to participate. Bring along family members and friends to help out.

Dharma School – Hannah Egi

Hannah reported that the Dharma School students and parents prepared 100 bundles of flowers to place on grave sites at the Pine Street cemetery. She noted that they could use more flowers and greenery for next year. She thanked Gordon Nitta for preparing the grave sites by trimming and blowing the grass away in preparation for the student floral presentation.

Old Business

A. New Ministers Arrival

Pres. Nagata explained that the Church had anticipated that the new minister would have been here in Lodi by the end of May. Unfortunately, there have been complications in Japan so now it

appears that the new minister will not be here until sometime in August. Even that date is uncertain and not within the control of the Lodi Church. All we can do is hope for the earliest possible arrival date.

New Business

A. Membership List

It has become apparent that the Church's membership list is out of date and needs to be updated to reflect current membership. It also needs to be computerized in a format that will make it easier to update and make additions or corrections. Joyce Nagata has volunteered to assist the Church in this effort. She will work with Shirley Komatsu and David Morimoto to come up with a corrected list.

Gordon Nitta suggested that the Church look into permitting installment payments for Church dues. Monthly payments could be made by automatic monthly payments from a bank account or credit card, similar to the way people pay other household bills. Gordon felt that his might encourage more people to join the church and also might increase donations by making it easier and not requiring a large lump-sum payment. The Board requested Steve Ogata to look into the possibility of implementing this plan.

B. Riji and Sodai List

President Nagata explained that he would like to produce a new Sodai and Riji telephone list and reactivate the telephone calling system that has been inactive for several years. It was felt that this could be accomplished once the new membership roster was completed.

Upcoming Services.

A. July 8th, 2018 – July Shotsuki Service – Rev. Motoyoshi

B. July 15th, 2018 – Obon Service – Rev. Candace Shibata

Next Meeting – July 10, 2018 at 7:00 pm.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

LBWA UPDATE – Judy Waters

No Movie Day for the month of June. Next date will be on Thursday, July 12th at 1 PM in the annex.

No title as of yet. If you would like to bring refreshments, please contact Judy Waters at stitchnbear@sbcglobal.net or 334-3556.

Hannah is working on the scheduling for the bazaar. Please check the schedule to see if you, family member, or friend can fill in where needed. Call Hannah Egi at 209-603-1107 if you can help.

We are making sushi-su on Wednesday, June 13th.

Next meeting is July 13, 2018 at 9am in the church office.

SHINYUKAI – Judy Waters

\$20 Birthday

Joyce Nagata

Jim Sakoda (September)

Jim Sakoda, Jr. (May)

Donations:

Wallets, purse

Janet

Morimoto

Cookies

Donna Blass

Roy/Chieko Tashima Tsukemono

Craig Kurahara

Cake

We enjoyed Mabo-dofu, rice, nappa okazu, namasu and dessert.

Thank you to Mitsuko Kishi who made the mabo-dofu, nappa okazu, and namasu. Thanks to kitchen helpers who helped cook and serve. We had 31 people enjoy the luncheon and had 4 take out lunches.

Next month's menu will include Chirashi Sushi, vegetable, and dessert.

If you need a ride to attend Shinyukai, please feel free to ask us. You can call the church office and leave a message. We will make arrangements for your transportation. Also, if you cannot come to Shinyukai, your family or friends can pick up the Bento. Please call the church office to make a reservation for your takeout bento. No Enryo (えんりよ), please.

SCRIP UPDATE – Kelly Yamane

Thank you for supporting our scrip program! Do you shop online at **Amazon?** If so, please try **AmazonSmile**. It is a simple and automatic way for you to shop, at no cost to you. To shop at AmazonSmile simply go to smile.amazon.com from the web browser on your computer or mobile device.

On your first visit to AmazonSmile (smile.amazon.com), you need to select **Buddhist Church of Lodi** to receive donations from eligible purchases before you begin shopping. AmazonSmile will remember your selection, and then every eligible purchase you make at smile.amazon.com will result in a donation. The AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price from your eligible AmazonSmile purchases.

Thank you to all who are participating in our scrip program! If you have any questions, please contact Kelly Yamane at 365-7124 or any of the scrip supporters listed below.

Scrip orders will be due by 10 a.m. on the order date. Please note that scrip pick-up days are changing to Tuesdays.

June Scrip Supporters

Chris Smith
Christine Iwamiya
Hannah Egi
Harriet Matsumoto
Haru Oga
Janet Morimoto
Joy Sasaki
Kelly Yamane
Kenneth Egi
Michiko Oye
Mieko Komatsu
Tom Iwamiya

Calendar Dates:

Scrip orders due: 7/6 at 10 a.m. (Friday)
Scrip pick-up: 7/17 (**Tuesday**)

Buddhist Church of Lodi is in search of an organist (or pianist) for Sunday Services. If you or you know of anyone with musical skills who would like to volunteer, please contact the church office. Thank you for your consideration.

FENCING UPDATE: as of June 14th

Fund total to date: \$4,360.00

Tom & Gracie Iwamiya
Kenneth & Hannah Egi
Grace & Sachio Watanabe
Nancy & Jim Burgess
Brian & Cynthia Sasaki
Rose Sasaki
Mieko S. Komatsu
Mary Tsutaoka
Hisako Nakamura
Kazuko Shimozaki
Gary Funamura
Patricia, Melissa & Emily Angel

ORGANIST