

ANNUAL REPORT

FINANCIAL YEAR 2019

BW MONASTERY
吉祥宝聚寺



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GOVERNANCE



ABOUT US

BW Monastery, previously known as Bliss and Wisdom Society, was set up on 26 July 2002. It was then registered under the Charities Act on 1 April 2003, and renamed to BW Monastery in 2014.

BW Monastery works towards combining Buddhism and living, in order to elevate human lives and spiritual minds, establish positive and active living, and to build happy families and harmonious social relationships.

In order to achieve the above, we focus on the following four core principles:

- 1) Propagate Buddhist education for spiritual advancement,
- 2) Promote cultural education,
- 3) Care for the community,
- 4) Compassionate service

With these four core principles as a foundation, BW Monastery will continue its efforts on Buddhism and Dharma propagation, contribute towards our country's nation building and social cohesiveness, and a strong emphasis on promoting and preserving traditional culture.

UEN Number: T02SS0119L

Charities Registration Number: 1674

Registered Address: 1 Woodlands Drive 16 Singapore 737764

Banker: United Overseas Bank Limited

Auditor: HLB Atrede LLP

Legal Advisor: Sng & Company

VISION & MISSION

Vision

- Propagate Buddhist education for spiritual advancement.
- Promote cultural education and character-cultivation.
- Serve the community, and advocate strong moral values for a peaceful society, so as to strive towards a robust and wholesome environment for all.

Mission

To combine Buddhism and living in order to elevate human lives and spiritual minds, establish positive and active living and to build happy families and harmonious social relationships.

Our Logo

BW Monastery logo represents a passionate engaged spirit of enlightenment (Bodhicitta), shining on all sentient beings to provide them with brightness and wisdom like a precious torch.

Like petals of a lotus flower, each pair of petals is shaped as the symbol of infinity. They represent the eternal gaze and companionship of our compassionate Buddhas and Bodhisattvas, and their unwavering steadfastness to rescue all sentient beings. Red colour represents the radiating passion and warm feelings.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I am glad that in 2019, we stayed focused on our mission to propagate the Dharma. We designed various types of classes and provide support to cater to different learners.



Our volunteers also helped to organise various activities that includes Chinese New Year Celebration, Mid-Autumn Festival, Vesak Day, Children Festival, JoyFeast, "Feast-Up" pop-up market, and others which you can read in detail in this Annual Report.

In the coming year, we will keep to our mission and hope to bring the Buddha's teaching to more people. Our Care Department will provide care and support for the members of Dharma Classes.

We are planning to work with our neighbourhood to provide community service program to serve the community.

Furthermore, we plan to have a small Bodhisattvas Avalokiteshvara Hall for our devotees to pray to Bodhisattvas Avalokiteshvara.

Thank You

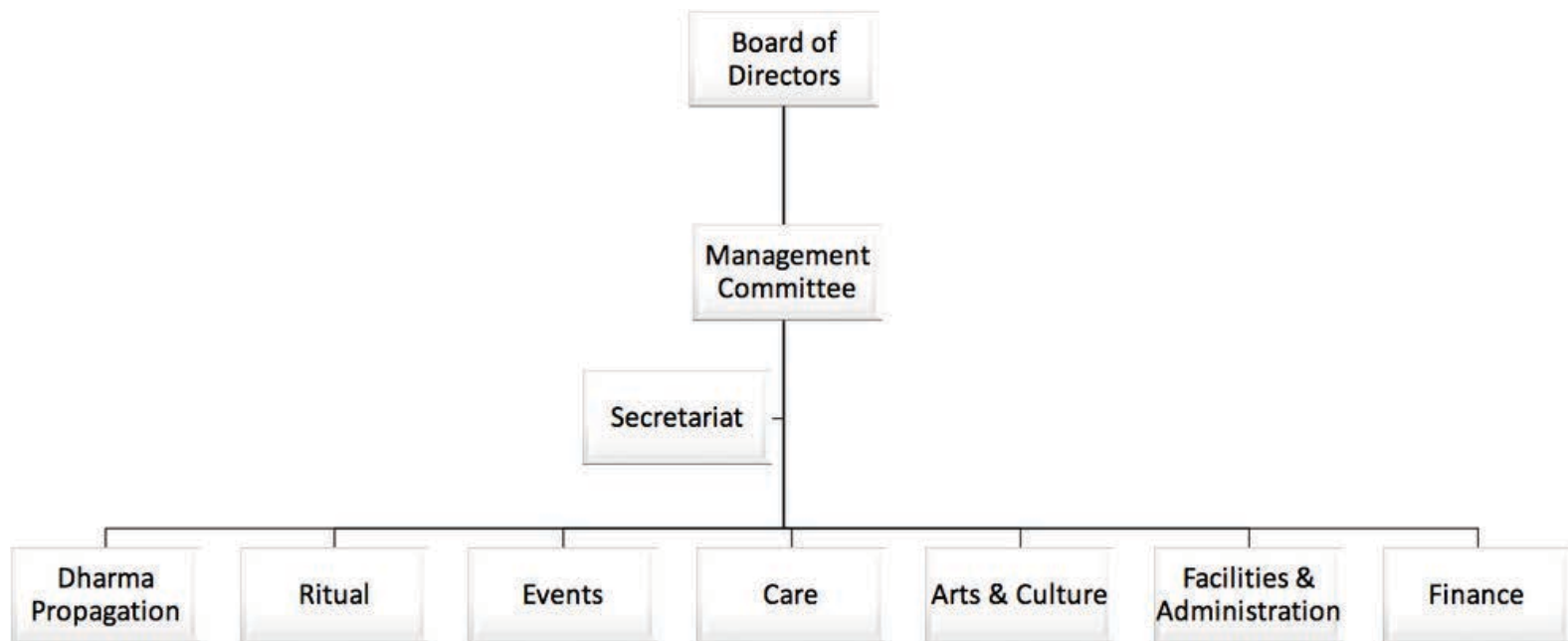
I am thankful to our staff and all volunteers who helped to make this happen. I also wish to express my gratitude to our sponsors for their generous donations and support to make all our events possible.

With the blessing of the Buddha and Bodhisattvas, we can do better in the coming years ahead to benefit more people.

Shi Ben Wen
President
BW Monastery

LEADERSHIP

BW Monastery is governed by a board, which is responsible for overseeing and managing the administration of the charity. The management committee is appointed and reports to the board to implement the goals and objectives; as well as provides leadership towards the achievement of mission and goals and executes and oversees the operations of the charity. The management committee is further structured and organized according to our functional requirement of Finance, Dharma propagation, Events, Care, Ritual, Facilities and Administration, Arts and Culture.



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

| Name | Current Board Appointment | Occupation | Past Board Appointments |
|------------------------|--|--|---|
| Tan Gek Lian | President, 17 Apr 2019 | Monk | President, 6 Apr 2018 |
| Dai Heong | 1 st Vice President, 17 Apr 2019 | Monk | Vice President, 6 Apr 2018 |
| Teo Seng | 2 nd Vice President, 17 Apr 2019 | Director, Beauty Trend (S) Pte Ltd | Board Member, 21 Dec 2016 |
| Hsu Chong Tien | Secretary, 17 Apr 2019 | Director, Able Construction Pte Ltd | Assistant Treasurer, 21 Dec 2016 Assistant Treasurer, 28 Mar 2015 |
| Gan Jia Hwa | 1 st Assistant Secretary, 17 Apr 2019 | Homemaker | NIL |
| Tay Siew Yee | 2 nd Assistant Secretary, 17 Apr 2019 | Homemaker | Assistant Secretary, 21 Dec 2016 Board Member, 28 Mar 2015 Assistant Treasurer, 30 Mar 2013, |
| Chia Sze Tong | Treasurer, 17 Apr 2019 | Sales & Marketing General Manager, Sharp Singapore Electronics Corporation Pte Ltd | NIL |
| Ong Woo Teng | 1 st Assistant Treasurer, 17 Apr 2019 | Retiree | NIL |
| Phoon Jia Qi | 2 nd Assistant Treasurer, 17 Apr 2019 | Accounts Executive, SF Food and Beverage Pte Ltd | NIL |
| Tan Ah Hee | General Affairs Officer, 17 Apr 2019 | Senior Instructor | Assistant General Affairs Officer, 21 Dec 2016 |
| Hoe Swee Long | Assistant General Affairs Officer, 17 Apr 2019 | IT Manager, Ese Industries (S) Pte Ltd | NIL |
| Ho See Kwee | Board Member, 17 Apr 2019 | Associate Marketing Director, Propnex Realty Pte Ltd | Treasurer, 21 Dec 2016 Treasurer, 28 Mar 2015 |
| Lim Tiong Boon | Board Member, 17 Apr 2019 | Sole Proprietor | Secretary, 21 Dec 2016 Secretary, 28 Mar 2015 Assistant Secretary, 30 Mar 2013 |
| Chong Kim Chuan, Alvin | Board Member, 17 Apr 2019 | Management Accountant, New Toyo International Holdings Ltd | NIL |



MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

| Name | Current Management Committee Appointment |
|------------------------|--|
| Lim Jue Meng | CEO, 1 Jan 2019 |
| Oh Kheng Hoe | Deputy CEO, 16 Mar 2018 |
| Quek Swee Ken | Deputy CEO, 16 Mar 2018 |
| Lim Peng Ching | Deputy CEO, 16 Mar 2018 |
| Jereme Wong Jong Siang | Deputy CEO, 16 Mar 2018 |



SANGHA COMMUNITY

Abbot

Venerable Shi Jing Yuan

President

Venerable Shi Ben Wen

Resident Monk

Venerable Shi Ben Si

Resident Monk

Venerable Shi Ru Quan

Resident Monk

Venerable Shi Dao Ci

Resident Monk

Venerable Shi Yuan Man

Resident Monk

Venerable Shi Hui Deng



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Venerable Shi Zu Guang

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Venerable Shi Zu Hong

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Venerable Shi Zu Sheng

Nun

Venerable Shi Zu Dao

Nun

Venerable Shi Jian Xin

Nun

Venerable Shi Zheng Yuan

Nun

Venerable Shi Jue Xing



TEAM OF LECTURERS

Senior Lecturer

Mr Tan Tong Eng

Lecturers

Mr Boon Chuan Bok

Mr Lim Tiong Boon

Mr Daren Ong Yeok Chye

Ms Tan Ah Lui

Ms Low Gek Khim

Ms Ang Sooi Un

Ms Lin Hui Lin

Ms Koh Lee Yong

Dr Pua Hwee Leng

Ms Goh Yi Mei, Jennifer

Ms Peh May Lan

Ms Hazel Tan

Ms Chua Sway Lui

Ms Chou Yun Lung

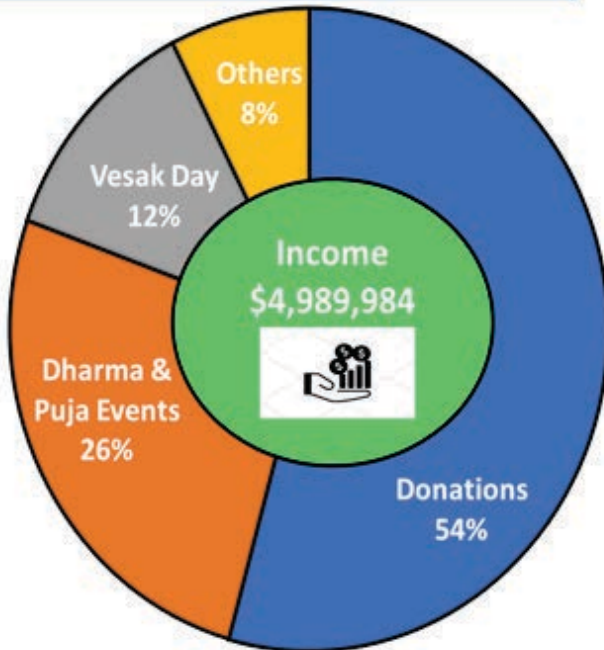
Ms Glenda Tan Gweek Cheng

Ms Ng Choon Lan

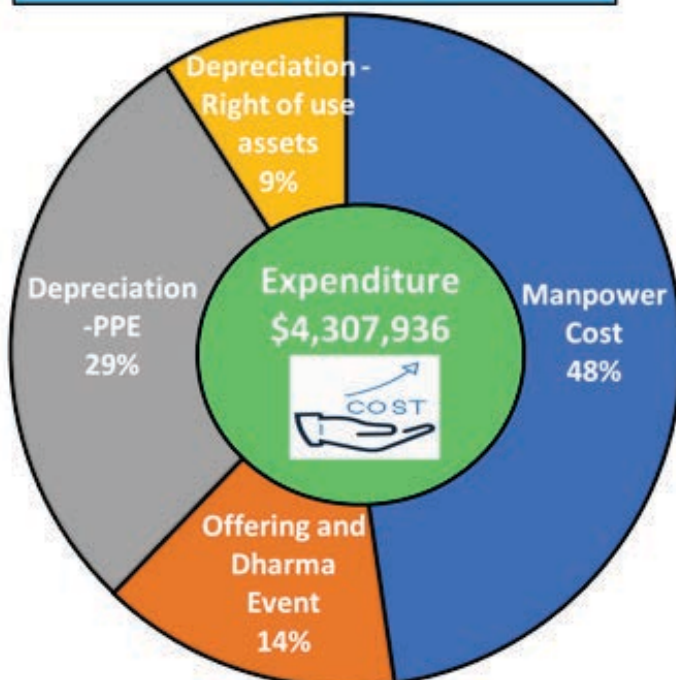


HIGHLIGHTS OF 2019

Summary Financial Performance



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PROGRAMMES AND ACTIVITIES

We have an array of programs and activities catered to devotees of different age groups and needs (e.g.: language medium). That said, many of our programs/activities appeal to devotees of different ages too.

Dharma Propagation

- Enrichment Classes
- Ordination Ceremony
- Qing Ming
- Master Remembrance Day
- Taking Refuge in Triple Gem

Youth Engagement

- Feast Up!
- Oomph La La

Children/Family Engagement

- Brilliance 2019
- Children Carnival
- Auspicious Vesak
- Auspicious Double Happiness
- Lumiere Moon Fest
- Auspicious Light Festival

Community Engagement

- Goodie Bag Distribution
- Achieving Harmonious Alliance
- JoyFeast

2019 AT A GLANCE



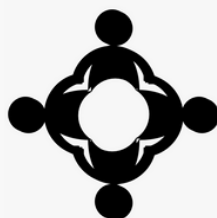
Conducted
6960 Classes



Benefited
4715 Dharma Students



Held a total of
400
Pujas + Events



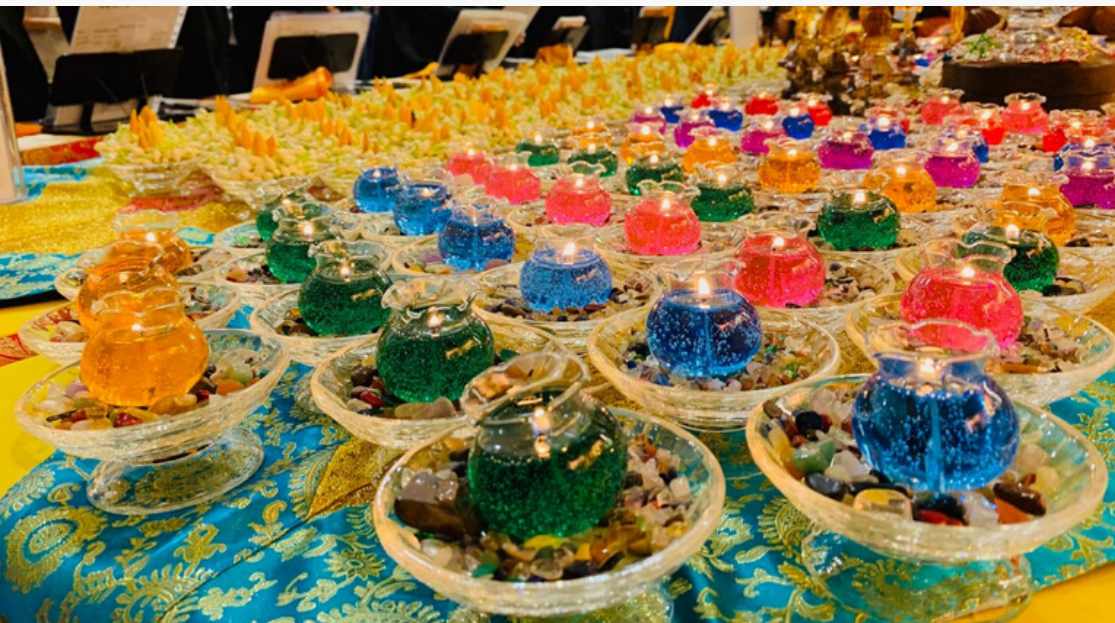
Total of
160,000
attendees



Organised free
vegetarian meals
once **every month**



Served
more than 9000
free vegetarian meals





ENRICHMENT CLASS

DHARMA PROPAGATION

Enrichment workshops are conducted periodically to enhance Dharma students' understanding of selected topics that they had learned during their weekly Dharma classes. In 2019, there were 14 enrichment workshops conducted, and a combined total of 4162 participants.





ORDINATION CEREMONY

DHARMA PROPAGATION

An ordination ceremony is held when a person officially takes vows to lead a monastic life. It is a rare and extremely auspicious opportunity to be able to be part of and to witness an ordination ceremony. On 28 April 2019, 277 participants came together to rejoice at Venerable Hui Deng's noble decision. Besides witnessing and rejoicing with Venerable Hui Deng, participants were also encouraged to make great aspirations themselves on this auspicious day - including planting the right seeds to walk this path some day.





QING MING

DHARMA PROPAGATION

The Emperor Liang Jeweled Repentance Grand Puja was incorporated as part of our Qing Ming prayers this year. A total of 10 puja sessions were held over a period of 8 days, and were attended by 785 devotees, coming together to pray for their departed family members. The Emperor Liang Jeweled Repentance prayer encourages us to confess and repent on our wrongdoings through the mindful contemplation of karma and its effects. Through the practise of the ten virtuous acts, we are reminded to be compassionate and not to harm other beings. It also encourages us to make offerings fervently and be filial to our parents.





MASTER REMEMBRANCE DAY

DHARMA PROPAGATION

Master Remembrance Day is held once a year, where Dharma students at BW Monastery come together and collectively gather positive thoughts to remember the virtues and kindness of our Dharma Teacher. In 2019, we saw 2900 attending this auspicious day together. This event serves to fortify the faith of all students towards our Dharma Teacher, and ascertain our aspiration to continue to learn from the compassionate and wise Dharma Teacher, so that we can do more to benefit all sentient beings.





TAKING REFUGE IN TRIPLE GEM

DHARMA PROPAGATION

In order to better cater to the needs of devotees of different age groups and language medium, we conducted 7 refuge-taking ceremonies in 2019. 2 were conducted in English, 2 in Chinese, 1 specially for children, 1 specially for youth and 1 session for seniors. It was a great joy to see a total of 1171 devotees taking refuge in the Triple Gem and to officially become the disciples of the Triple Gem.



FEAST UP



FEAST UP!

YOUTH ENGAGEMENT

Feast Up is a creative pop up market, which provides a platform for young entrepreneurs to create their business start-ups and learn the skill of commerce, while providing established vendors the opportunity to reach out to a wider range of customers. Aspiring performers also make use of Feast Up as a platform to showcase their talents. Found in an unconventional setting of a monastery, and attracting an average of 500 visitors each time, Feast Up has successfully created a source of exuberance in the northern heartlands of Singapore.





OOMPH LA LA

YOUTH ENGAGEMENT

“Oomph-la-la” brought families and friends together to bid goodbye to 2019 and to step into the new decade with positive and hopeful aspirations. The 4-hour event attracted more than 400 people of different generations, races and faith, which was in line with BWM’s communal spirit of welcoming everyone. It offered a great opportunity for participants to celebrate the countdown in a positive manner at a convenient location.





BRILLIANCE 2019

CHILDREN/FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

The celebration of the Lunar Chinese New Year is a tradition that allows families to pass down and preserve the rich Chinese culture. Brilliance 2019 was a joyous occasion that created the splendid opportunity for families and friends to celebrate together while accumulating merits. Over 3 days, Brilliance 2019 attracted over 5200 visitors who wished for blessings and wisdom. It captured the hearts of visitors of all ages and left a lasting memory on everyone.





CHILDREN CARNIVAL

CHILDREN/FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

We believe that strong family ties are essential in helping our next generation cope with challenges, instill a sense of security and confidence, as well as inculcate important family values. With this belief, many of our events are aimed at promoting family bonding. The Children Carnival is one of them. About 500 children and parents came together and enjoyed 4.5 hours of wholesome fun activities specially put together by our volunteers. Amidst all the fun and laughter, the children had the opportunity to immerse themselves in some positive learning and spend quality time with their parents.





AUSPICIOUS VESAK

CHILDREN/FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

Vesak Day is a day when Buddhists come together to celebrate the birth of Lord Buddha to this world. This is the most important and also the largest event at BW Monastery every year. This year, we saw a total of about 25,000 participants over a span of 2 days. Like previous years, Auspicious Vesak 2019 was carried out in the form of a carnival. Buddha's teachings were thoughtfully incorporated into interactive activity stations, to allow participants to be able to learn through a fun and effortless way regardless of age.





AUSPICIOUS DOUBLE HAPPINESS

CHILDREN/FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

Auspicious Double Happiness marked the joyous celebration of both Singapore's National Day and BWM's anniversary. Over 8 hours, the celebration attracted approximately 2870 visitors who recited classics, prayed for blessings for the country, participated in Thousand Buddhas Repentance and a series of activities such as retro games, art & craft, wishing pool, offering of bells, and writing their wishes on wishing strips and aspiration cards.





LUMIERE MOON FEST

CHILDREN/FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

The Lumiere Moon Fest was organized to celebrate the Mid Autumn Festival and aimed to preserve the traditional Chinese culture. With a wide variety of traditional mid-autumn festival games, educational booths and street food, the event engaged more than 2000 participants of all ages in a series of learning activities and joyous celebrations. Through experiential learning, participants gained insights about the rich history of Mid Autumn Festival and went away feeling joyous and filled with positivity.





AUSPICIOUS LIGHT FESTIVAL

CHILDREN/FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

Auspicious Light Fest aimed to express gratitude to Buddha and Bodhisattvas for blessing all sentient beings with the wisdom to attain true happiness. More than 1200 participants offered thousands of candles, symbolizing the illumination of wisdom within their hearts, and thereby the ability to completely eliminate all suffering, fear and ignorance. It also symbolized the passing of wisdom from an individual to others, eventually allowing all sentient beings to gain true happiness.





GOODIE BAG DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The Goodie Bag Distribution by BWM Community Care Team is a platform to promote care within the neighbourhood. Every month, about 25 volunteers would reach out to those less fortunate by distributing goodie bags to them. They hope to promote a loving and inclusive society -- one whereby people of all ages can care for the less fortunate regardless of their race, religion and age, thereby learning and practicing the true spirit of gratitude and giving back to their country and others.





ACHIEVING HARMONIOUS ALLIANCE

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

"Achieving Harmonious Alliance" was organised by Garden of Faiths, an arm of BW Monastery working to promote interfaith understanding and acceptance in Singapore. As the name goes, the panel discussion was aimed at achieving harmonious alliance within the community by debunking common misconceptions about the 4 major religions in Singapore - Buddhism, Christianity, Hinduism and Islam. Approximately 100 attendees of various religious beliefs attended the interactive session, which provided them insights about the religions that they knew little about, thereby evoking deep appreciation for other faiths other than their own.





JOYFEAST

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Joy Feast is a community service provided by BWM, with the aim to give back to the society through the organising of a free vegetarian buffet lunch on a monthly basis. An average of 800 members of the public turn up at the event each month to enjoy a wide variety of food, games and activities. Since BWM opened in Aug 2017, a total of 21,700 vegetarian meals have been served, with more than 9,000 meals dished out in 2019 alone!



GOVERNANCE

Board Meetings and Attendance

A total of 5 Board meetings and 1 AGM were held during the financial year. The 77th and 78th Board Meetings were attended by the previous Board members. Following the April 2019 election of the current Board members, they attended the 79th-81st Board meetings in year 2019. The new Board members are indicated with an asterisk (*) in the table presented below.

| Name | Board Meeting Attendance |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Tan Gek Lian | 5/5 |
| Dai Heong | 4/5 |
| Teo Seng | 4/5 |
| Hsu Chong Tien | 5/5 |
| Gan Jia Hwa* | 2/3 |
| Tay Siew Yee | 4/5 |
| Chia Sze Tong* | 3/3 |
| Ong Woo Teng* | 3/3 |
| Phoon Jia Qi* | 3/3 |
| Tan Ah Hee | 4/5 |
| Hoe Swee Long* | 3/3 |
| Ho See Kwee | 5/5 |
| Lim Tiong Boon | 5/5 |
| Chong Kim Chuan, Alvin* | 3/3 |

Conflict of Interest Policy

All Board members and staff are required to comply with the Monastery's Conflict of Interest Policy.

The Board has put in place documented procedures for Board Members and staff to declare actual or potential conflicts of interests on a regular and need-to basis.

Board members also abstain and do not participate in decision-making on matters where they have a conflict of interest.

Disclosure of Remuneration

BW Monastery has no paid staff, who are close members of the family of any Board members, who each receives total remuneration of more than \$50,000 during the year.



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#01-312, S120431

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People's Park Centre, S058357