

The Tibet Society

MINUTES

20th Annual Membership Meeting
April 10, 1987
Boston Sheraton, Boston, Massachusetts

The meeting was called to order at 8:10 p.m. by Elliot Sperling. Kathleen Connors was appointed secretary, and Robert Service and Dennis Voaden were appointed to count ballots for the Board of Directors election. Larry Epstein, Richard Gard, and Hannah Robinson were elected to the Board.

Minutes of the 1986 annual membership meeting in Chicago were read and accepted unanimously, as well as the Financial Report, which stated that the balance for The Tibet Society as of December 31, 1986, was \$10,101.91.

Professor Sperling announced that with the resignation of Christopher Beckwith as editor of *The Journal of the Tibet Society* (though he is being retained as an editorial advisor) and assignment of himself along with Dan Martin and Michael Walter as new editors, the Journal would be delayed, but is due to come out within several months. Also due for publication are papers delivered at the conference held in Bloomington in 1984, *Beginning a Third Century of Tibetan Studies: A Conference Honoring the birth of Csoma de Koros in 1784*. The volume, to be entitled *Silver on Lapis*, will be published in commemoration of the 20th anniversary of The Tibet Society, Inc., with a reduced price for members.

Professor Sperling called for questions on old or new business. A visiting journalist writing on the Lhamo dance troupe from Lhasa asked for comments from anyone who had seen their performance. One couple reported that they had seen the troupe in St. Louis, where they had been well-received. One person, also a member of the Asia Society, had elected not to attend the show at the Asia Society in New York. Another stated that the Tibetans who had seen the performance did not find the dance to be authentic, nor could they understand the dialogue. The *Village Voice* had reported that the troupe had heavy Chinese influences, and another article on the subject was due to be published soon by *The Wall Street Journal*.

Hannah Robinson then reported on the Union Catalogue for Tibetan Language Materials in North America that she and Michael Walter were working on, and asked for input on the cooperative project, which she categorized in three phases: First, to collate the PL480 materials, which Mr. Walter had estimated as 5,000 bibliographical items, to be made into microfiche and book form. Contents of the collected works were then to be catalogued separately, with 100,000 items broken into five divisions for publication. The catalogues would be sent to all librarians for the addition of any missing items. Ms. Robinson wrote a grant proposal for \$1,000,000 and asked for suggestions on subject headings for the sake of cohesiveness. A comment was made that since PL480 contained mostly liturgical materials, separate items needed to be printed with their general headings (using the metaphor of "arias from operas are useless without the operas cited") and that a device must be invented that permits cross references and analysis and which brings coherence to the cycle.

Professor Thubten Norbu reported a paying membership of about 300, including international members and institutions, and 1000 *Newsletters* sent to subscribers. He then thanked everyone for attending and thanked the secretary and ballot counters for their assistance. The meeting was adjourned at 8:44 p.m. Richard Kohn announced that his film, "Lord of the Dance," was to be shown that evening.

Kathleen Connors
Secretary *pro tempore*

The Tibet Society, Inc.

FINANCIAL REPORT

January - December, 1986

Balance (Dec. 31, 1986).....	\$10,101.91
Certificate of deposit interest.....	485.57
Investment checking interest.....	246.17
Membership.....	4,265.00
Donations.....	2,085.00
Advertising.....	273.00
Sales: Bulletin and Journal.....	143.00
TOTAL.....	\$17,599.65
EXPENSES:	
Office Supplies.....	180.63
Postage.....	844.87
Bulk mailing fee.....	50.00
Bulk mailing permit.....	50.00
Books, Publications, Posters.....	6,582.62
Petty Cash.....	218.00
Filing fee: Sec. of State.....	10.00
Box Rent.....	53.00
Bursar's Account.....	664.69
TOTAL EXPENSES.....	\$ 8,653.81
Balance in Checking (December 31, 1987)	\$ 945.84
Savings.....	\$ 8,000.00
