

Board Meeting of the Hindu Temple of Arizona
February 2, 2004, 3:00pm

The meeting was called to order at 3.00pm.

Present: Vidya Bakshi, Munnu Bajpai, Nirmala Chhibber, Mamta Gupta, Hirisave Ramchandra, Mina Sangani, Asha Thakur

Also Present: Jhanvi Mehta, Sanjay Sangani

1. **Meeting opened:** at 3.00pm by Vidya Bakshi
2. **Approval of Agenda:** The Agenda was approved.
3. **Approval of Minutes from previous meetings.**

Motion 33: To accept the minutes of the Minutes for the meetings held on January 11th with the following amendment: Include Asha Thakur as being present for the meeting.

Proposed by: Asha Thakur

Seconded by: Mina Sangani

Carried Unanimously

4. Proposal from Jhanvi Mehta.

Jhanvi Mehta has offered her services to teach Hinduism and Culture classes to the youngsters.

Motion 34: To allow Jhanvi Mehta to conduct Hinduism and Culture Classes to youngsters aged 5-12years. The classes will take place every other Saturday beginning March 6th from 10:30am-12:00pm. The cost will be \$10.00 per child per month.

Proposed: Mina Sangani

Seconded: Vidya Bakshi

Carried Unanimously

5. Secretaries Report: Nothing to report

6. Treasurers Report:

a. The treasurer presented a financial report to the Board.

b. **Motion 35:** To make \$10,000 equity payment to Security Title using the general temple funds.

Proposed by: Hirisave Ramchandra

Seconded by: Vidya Bakshi

Carried Unanimously

- c. Kuldip Verma has sent a letter to Vidya Bakshi pledging \$5,000 per year to be paid December 2003 (paid), 2004, and 2005. The remaining payments will be made providing the Temple experiences no further management difficulties. Mr. Verma has also pledged his support in that he will provide assistance to secure a loan if the Temple should such help.

The Board would like to Thank Mr. And Mrs. Verma for their continued support.

- d. Hirisave Ramchandra would like to remind Board members to pay their calendar bill if they have not already done so.
- e. The ACC has issued the Temple with a Certificate of Good Standing. The Board felt this was a true accomplishment and will put together a press release, and write a letter for the next newsletter. Mina Sangani to frame the certificate for display within the Temple.
- f. Hirisave Ramchandra will review thw accounts and provide the Board with details of how much money was spent on the Rath Yatra and how much was received in order that the Board can make a decision in regard to paying Semant Mishra's Claim.

7. Mamta Gupta - Mandir Decoration:

Mamta Gupta has been raising funds for the decoration of the Temple. She also has volunteers that would like to help in this effort. She would like to get this project underway and completed before Shiv Ratri. The Board was happy with her efforts and goal.

8. Puja Committee:

- a. **Motion 36:** HTA will offer Jaganath deities to ISKON upon their request for the Rath Yatra to be held in Tempe as long as all appropriate procedures are followed.

Proposed by: Mamta Gupta

Seconded by: Munnu Bajpai

Carried Unanimously

- b. The Roles and Regulations for the Priest have been formalized and written up.

9. Buildings and Maintenance Committee:

Pralad Thakur, Lalitji, and Surinder Sharma have cleaned around the Temple and have managed to fix the heating system.

The Board would like to thank Praladji, Lalitji and Surinderji for their time and effort.

Mr. Chhibber and Vidya Bakshi will get a plan and the blue prints of the Temple and send them to the architect. The architect will evaluate the situation and give us some feedback regarding our vision.

10. Varia:

- a. The India Festival will be held on March 20th at the Indo Culture Hall. The HTA has been offered 2 booths. One booth will be solely for distributing information about the HTA, the second booth is for us to sell whatever we like. Mrs. Chhibber is looking for volunteers to man these booths throughout the day.

Motion 37: The HTA participates at the India Festival on March 20, 2004.

Proposed by Nirmala Chhibber

Seconded by: Mina Sangani

Carried Unanimously

- b. The next meeting is scheduled for March 7, 2004 from 2:00pm-5:00pm.

11. Meeting Adjourned: at 4:30pm by Vidya Bakshi