



# Hindu Temple of Arizona

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## Board of Directors Meeting Minutes Date: Feb 27<sup>th</sup>.

Attendees: Sudeep Mehta, Ravi Aggarwal, Vasu Atluri, Balbir Sharma, Surinder Sharma, Mohini Ahuja, Purnima Sharma, Varinder Narang, Vidya Bakshi, Sonia Rajvanshi, Sanjay Sangani

Absent: Vijay Sethi, Mamta Gupta

Excused: Munnu Bajpai

Meeting started at 2pm and adjourned at 4pm.

1. HK Ramachandra has sent a resignation indicating he is extremely busy with his job. I will forward that email to the BOD. At this point, I am recommending we accept his resignation and in keeping with the true diversity clause in our constitution, we look for someone from South India. Until then the position remains vacant. DECISION: Board accepted the resignation of Mr. Ramachandra due to his preoccupation at work and extended their gratitude and thanks for his services to the Board. Board agreed to keeping this position open in the spirit of diversity and search for candidate from South India.
2. In order to document our procedures on Puja and Prasad, Secretary to actively work with Bajpai and Shastriji. Board needs to close on this by next meeting as they are causing concern and day to day issues.
3. Related to the By-Law committee. Vivek was named as part of the Committee. Per Constitution, a spouse cannot serve of any committee. We will look to Vivek for help and guidance. The By-Law committee will change membership and advise back to the Board. Suggested to Varinder that we tap into existing Associations to get better representation.
4. A related issue – Recommend that no spouse names show up on any HTA Communications or Temple Bulletin Board unless explicitly approved by Board. This is in keeping with the fact that BOD is the authorized point of communication to the devotees. DECISION: Board is fine with Spouse names as long as the responsibility rests with the Director and the spouse is giving the same information as the Director. (Nay votes – Varinder)
5. All Board meetings will be held at Scottsdale Library near Drinkwater unless informed otherwise. Directions to the place will be communicated via email. I have spoken to the Scottsdale Library in Drinkwater (1 mile from HTA). They are able to provide us with a 25 person room that we can book in advance for 10 meetings (1 booking). Cost is \$7 per booking and \$3 per hour. It has a LCD projector. DECISION: Hold all meetings at Scottsdale library.
6. We are testing the automated voice mail via a dedicated line. It won't be ready in time for Shivaratri event.
7. Name badges will be made for BOD. We need to wear them on Main Events. They will reflect everyone as "Volunteer". Event Coordinator will have one as well. We will have some stick on badges for other Volunteers.
8. The notice boards will be changing. The information under "Hinduism" will be included in a binder available for any new guests to see. A part of the board will be used for Special Events and Donations.
9. Executive Committee shall meet with Vidya and draw up plans for Honorary members/Advisors that we discussed in January.

1. Sudeep to arrange training on Constitution and By-Laws.
2. Communications – No fliers from outside will be accepted unless approved by Comm person. Un approved fliers will be taken down.

**Maha Shivratri Event:**

\$250 advance approved for event. \$101 Dakshina approved for Kanhaiyalalji for his services on upcoming Shivratri Puja. Vidya to be the sponsor and Dakshina to be given by HTA. A brief discussion on the timing of ensuring the money is deposited in Hundi as soon as they are collected. Also, emphasized that not much has been collected so far and hence there is no issue.

**All Board of Directors need to stay back after the event to help in wrapping up.**

Virendra will take care of Parking activities in the beginning of the event and Sudeep after the event. Sonia and Sudeep will be responsible for the Abhishek and Sanjay will take care of the Kalash distribution and collecting the donations. Food Packaging will be handled by Purnima Sharma and Food Distribution by Vidya Bakshi and Vasu Atluri. Balbir will take care of getting the kitchen towels cleaned and Sudeep will be responsible for ensuring the cleaned sheets are in for the Puja.

**Funding discussions: Brief discussion on the project funding. No decisions made.**