



# Hindu Temple of Arizona

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## Board of Directors Meeting Minutes Date: March 6th

Attendees: Sudeep Mehta, Ravi Aggarwal, Surinder Sharma, Mohini Ahuja, Purnima Sharma, Sonia Rajvanshi, Sanjay Sangani, Munnu Bajpai, Vijay Sethi, Mamta Gupta

Absent: None

Excused: Vidya Bakshi, Balbir Sharma, Vasu Atluri

Meeting started at 2:05pm and adjourned at 4pm.

1. An update was provided by the Secretary on the City Violation that needs to be closed by March 14<sup>th</sup>.
  - a. Weeds on rocks in front – CLOSED since the meeting
  - b. Havan Tent – CLOSED
  - c. Debris – CLOSED excepting the Rath Yatra wooden board. Secretary to help ensure we take care of this.
  - d. Out door Storage – IN PROCESS (Need to pile up the Havan wood in one place and wooden tables need to be stored or we need to see if it is okay to place them where they are today).
2. Decision made to raise Shastriji's salary upto \$1500 effective April 1<sup>st</sup>., while discussing with him whether \$1400 was acceptable and Munnu Bajpai to be the sole point of contact to Shastriji with the President as a backup. We will review the responsibilities of Shastriji to set better expectations. We also discussed the need for Shastriji to raise money through external Pujas to cover his salary.
3. Ram Navmi to start on April 9<sup>th</sup> with a proposal to do Chandi Sankalp. It was made clear that responsibilities for Puja are on Shastriji. Ramayan will be read on Saturday April 16<sup>th</sup> from 8am-8pm with Prasad and Sunday April 17<sup>th</sup> 11-12:30pm (with some Ramayan and Pravachan). On Ram Navmi, we will conclude with event from 7-8pm. Board of Directors will be requested to help on Ram Navmi day. On Hanuman Jayanti (April 24<sup>th</sup>), we are going to read Hanuman Chalisa 108 times which lasts 5 hours from 11am-4pm. Both events are coordinated by Annu Bakshi. Holi will not be a special event celebration and Puja Committee can best decide on how to meet the religious significance on March 25<sup>th</sup> Purnima or the following Sunday.
4. We discussed the Prasad Committee and the need to streamline the process. Mamta Gupta to pull a meeting with right individuals to get the procedure documented and bring to Board for approval.
5. In order to pay the outstanding loan of \$35k by March, Board decided to initiate the equity line of credit. Money from equity line of credit will be used based on board decisions. We will continue to drive fundraising and donations to raise the money so we don't have to use the credit line. Sanjay to initiate the credit line as soon as possible and utilize people like Vasu to see if we can reduce the initial setup fees. There are also some Board members willing to help with loans so we minimize exposures.
6. Board approved that \$6k for landscaping be used against credit line. Budget shall not be exceeded without Board approval. Ravi is the project lead with Mamta and Sonia as team members. The process will be to establish the contract in writing. Donations process will start as well and we need to be

- need to come from the Treasurer. Requirements need to be closed and sent to the Board for review not approval. We should consider the front entrance having a wall down the road and looking at our maintenance costs in our planning.
- We discussed our next steps on kitchen and agreed to de prioritizing it given we have a good burner in place. We are now looking at the altar and storage shed as the immediate priorities. We determined that we need to look at the design in entirety so we can kick off the project by presenting to devotees. It was mentioned by Vijay Sethi that last year there was a design completed and we cannot find it. It will be considerable rework if we have to redo. **Decision:** We will search for the As-Is and To-Be design and it needs to be submitted to the Secretary by next Sunday ELSE the Board will have to consider it lost and we have to start from the beginning. Also, we will start to request Donation and meanwhile use the Loan or Credit line to work on the project. Storage shed design needs to be approved by the City.
- **Fundraising:** Good brainstorming with the following ideas:
  - a. Each board member makes 5 life members each
  - b. \$101 per Hanuman Chalisa on Hanuman Jayanti
  - c. \$101 per tile
  - d. Dinner event
  - e. Raffle
  - f. Golf tournament

**Decision:** We are going to proceed with Fundraising Dinner with Mamta Gupta as Event Owner.