



Hindu Temple of Arizona

(A Non Profit Organization)
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Board of Directors Meeting Minutes Date: March 13th

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Attendees: Sudeep Mehta, Ravi Aggarwal, Surinder Sharma, Mohini Ahuja, Sanjay Sangani, Munnu Bajpai, Mamta Gupta, Vasu Atluri, Varinder Narang
Absent: Balbir Sharma, Vijay Sethi
Excused: Vidya Bakshi, Purnima Sharma, Sonia Rajvanshi

Meeting started at 2:20pm and adjourned at 4:10pm.

1. Meeting was scheduled at Scottsdale Library. But we had to shift the venue back to the temple due to lack of parking (several events were going on around the area). We decided to continue having meetings at the temple.
2. **Kids and Youth Activities:** Sudeep presented proposal on behalf of Purnima Sharma. Ideas included a) Start Hindi classes beginning of April and charge \$20-\$25 for a 6 weeks session b) Start Spring Garden project with children around April 10th. Purnima will donate the plants. Children will offer flowers from the plants to the deities. c) Focus on feeding the homeless and other workshop classes geared towards the teenagers.

Decision: Purnima can proceed with the a) and b) options.

3. **Inventory Procedure:** Updates made and approved.

Decision: No temple items can be loaned out other than Puja Books. Puja Books can be loaned out with \$100 deposit and a requested donation of \$51. Shastriji will be responsible for check in and check out of items using the forms provided. We need to complete an inventory of the small items (Puja Books and some big utensils in the kitchen). If there are items belonging to people we will record that and eventually replace or request these be donated so they belong to the Temple.

4. **Puja Procedure:** This was not a decision making item but general feedback into the draft procedure. Puja Committee will take inputs from other devotees and bring procedure in next meeting for final approval. Vasu mentioned he has looked into bringing Priest from the Ganesh Temple to perform Puja on Saturdays. The Puja Committee needs to consider this and bring to Board for final approval.
5. **Line of Credit:** Sanjay indicated he is on track to secure the credit line by coming week. It was made clear again that no money shall be taken out unless approved by the Board.
6. **Temple Architecture:** As mentioned in the last meeting, we were supposed to search for the As-Is and To-Be drawings completed last year. These drawings were supposed to be turned in to the Secretary by March 13th. Since no one submitted anything, the Board agreed to start a fresh effort and consider the previous drawings as lost. In our coming meetings, we will launch an Architecture effort with an emphasis on the Altar and forming the team.
7. **Safety:** Ravi mentioned there are safety issues with the electrical connections outside.

Decision: Board approved \$500 to get these fixed.

Additionally, we need to look into how to create more safety for people that are parking across the street. Suggestion to go to City Council with a few options. Vasu and Surinder to follow on this and report back.

8. **Miscellaneous Items:**

- a. A discourse by Acharya Gaurang Nanavaty will be delivered on March 20th 11-12pm. He is a good speaker and been to this temple last year. Board members need to show support by being there promptly at 11am.

- Madhu Aggarwal had requested 5 minutes to speak to the Board on her issues related to Maha Shivratri event. Madhu Aggarwal brought several issues to the attention of the board during her 5 minute presentation. These issues were pertaining to the treatment of volunteers by certain board members for volunteer activities in the temple. It is expected that this issue will be brought to a closure in the next board meeting.
- Ravi has requested the Board to address the management of Volunteers in coming meeting.
- Shastriji will make Prasad when Sponsors not available.