

**Board Meeting of the Hindu Temple of Arizona**  
**April 4, 2004, 2:00 pm**

**Attending Board Members:** Vidya Bakshi, Munnu Bajpai, Hirisave Ramchandra, Rohini Sharma, Mamta Gupta, Mohini Ahuja, Asha Thakur, Madhu Aggarwal, Balbir Sharma.

1. HTA President, Mr. Vidya Bakshi called the meeting in order at 2:14 PM.
2. Agenda for the meeting approved with no objections.
3. Joint Secretary Rohini Sharma filled in for the Secretary Mina Sangani for the meeting.
4. Treasurers Report Hirisave Ramchandra gave the temple financial report.
5. Temple's high interest bearing Security Title Loan has been paid in full. Thanks to a temple devotee's low interest (4.5%) flexible loan, this was possible. Paper works are in process.
6. Temple's title is released and Deed is being sent to Mohini Ahuja's address.
7. Treasurer thanked Mr. & Mrs. P. Jain for donating a Fire Proof Safe Box for safe keeping of temple valuable resources. HTA president and treasurer will keep the safe combination.
8. Treasurer outlined expense procedures including handling and submitting receipts for reimbursements and record keeping.
9. Board approved treasurer's request for immediate \$1,000 advance to Temple priest Shastriji.
10. HTA is in compliance to Annual Reporting to Arizona Corporation Commission. The latest reporting activity took place on March 14, 2004.
11. Treasurer continues to post unaudited Reports at HTA Notice Board.
12. On behalf of HTA Executive Committee, President Bakshi thanked volunteers for the best Ramanavami Puja at the temple in March. It was a well-attended temple event.
13. President Bakshiji will take charge of organizing HTA's Third Anniversary Celebration on June 19th and 20th, 2004. Community volunteers will be key for the success with targeted focus on Temple Fund Raising.
14. Board discussed Puja Procedures and set guidelines for Puja and related events.
15. Balbir Sharma is the main contact for all Priest and related management issues. For non-treasury issues, Munnu Bajpai and Nirmala Chhibber will provide backup to Balbir Sharma. With the treasury issues, Hirisave Ramchandra and Nirmala Chhibber will serve as backup to Balbir Sharma.
16. Only temple priest or its designee will perform Aarti and other rituals including recital of mantras.
17. Puja committee with help of Prasad Committee will have overall responsibility for food quality served at the temple.
18. Board discussed Sunday Puja sponsorship costs. Two alternatives, Donation a) \$101 with food or b) Donation \$201 without food were suggested. Board expressed urgent need of an overhaul in various Pujas sponsorship cost. Board agreed that general

devotees are confused with current rates, suggest revisiting the charges by Puja Committee, and discuss future Board meetings.

19. Mamta Guptaji continues to provide backup to Rohini Sharma in communication areas due latter's job related overseas and domestic travels.
20. Mamtaji is actively pursuing HTA Fund Raising activities including organization of upcoming HTA Youth Festival at Indo-US Cultural Center on May 7th, 2004. Asha Thakur and Mina Sangani will provide logistic assistance as well.
21. Madhu Aggarwal Ji of Seva Committee introduced Navin Patel, an architect for a conceptual upgrade/remodel the current temple building in accordance to local laws. Navin will explore the local permitting needs and report findings at future Board meeting.
22. Nirmla Chhibber informed that Ms Sreedevi's request for discourse at temple is under review.
23. President Vidya Bakshi adjourned the meeting at 3:55 PM.