



Hindu Temple of Arizona

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Board of Directors Meeting Minutes Date: April 10th

Attendees: Sudeep Mehta, Surinder Sharma, Sanjay Sangani, Munnu Bajpai, Mamta Gupta, Vasu Atluri, Varinder Narang, Balbir Sharma, Vijay Sethi, Vidya Bakshi

Absent: Purnima Sharma, Mohini Ahuja

Excused: Sonia Rajvanshi

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

- March 27th meeting minutes were approved.

Puja Committee:

- Ram Navmi and Hanuman Jayanti logistics were discussed.
 - a. April 16th – Shastriji to focus on specific Parts of Ramayan as opposed to doing pieces here and there. Prasad will be offered.
 - b. April 24th – Prasad will be served 2 times – 12:30pm and 5pm
 - c. All BOD need to help out on 18th and 24th. A sign up sheet was circulated. We need to get this completed so there are no issues.
- Swami Anantacharyaji will be delivering Ram Janm Discourse from May 8-14th. We will give 50% of the revenue generated to Swamiji. Details of timing will be published soon so that we can communicate details.

Landscaping: Project details were approved. Ravi can proceed with getting the contract signed and work will start next Tuesday. There was a short discussion on the design that Vijay Sethi has prepared. We need to evaluate that design to ensure we are not doing throwaway work. The contractor is not bonded and licensed and the Board agreed to move on this project. The scope of the project is on the front side of the temple.

Financials:

- The Q1 Financials were reviewed. Treasurer pointed out that we need to focus on reducing electricity costs.
- Treasurer informed that Credit Line needs personal guarantee and we needed a CPA to prepare Financial statements to move forward which may require some expenses. Board indicated that we should discuss this once we have a guarantor.
- A copy of the Promissory note was circulated to Board members that are loaning \$5k. All BOD that haven't given the money need to give the money coming week as we need to close this by April 15th.

Fundraising Dinner Event:

- a. All BOD need to complete calling the members on the list. We need to offer 2 free tickets to anyone committing to becoming a Life Member.
- b. Dinner Event is scheduled for May 21st.
- c. We have to pay \$500 to Indo-US for rental and \$500 for deposit.
- d. Proposed Agenda:

6:30 – 7:30	– Social Hour
7:30-7:50	– Fashion Show
7:50 -8:10	– Presentation on the Temple
8:10 – 10	– Ghazal and Food
10pm	– Dancing primarily for Children and Youth

- **Temple Calendar Planning:**
 - Varinder has been volunteered to plan for next year's calendar. A final proposal needs to be presented to the BOD next meeting. Our goal is to distribute 2006 calendars by Diwali.
 - The remaining 2005 calendars have arrived at Los Angeles. We need to arrange for the pickup else we will be charged storage fees.
 - We received input from the Board on key lessons from last year
 - Look at printing in US versus India; Limit to 1000 calendars; Get design and contract approved by BOD; examine desktop versus hanging calendars; make Deity pictures stand out versus the calendar dates; pay attention to giving visibility to sponsors.
- **Building Architecture:**
 - Discussions in the end initiated by Vijay Sethi. It was mentioned that the To-Be Design is with Shastriji and Ravi should look at it even though the design was not submitted by the previous deadline date set by the Board.
 - In the end, it was suggested that the Building Committee folks meet and have offline discussions on working the details and bring decisions that need to be made by the Board.