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Board of Directors Meeting Minutes Date: May 15th

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

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

Fundraiser Dinner:

1. Security guard will be considered for 5 hours coverage.
2. Mamta and Sanjay will keep calling everyone to ensure tickets are being sold. Every Board member needs to work hard to selling tickets on their own. Our goal is to sell 200 tickets by next week.
3. We will be contacting Bell Road for the following (Bombay Aloo, Tandoori Nan with fresh Tandoor as an option, Mixed Gobhi, Dal Makhani, Kulfi); Royal Taj for (Raita, Tea, Fruit Cream, Salad, Appetizers); Sodhi Palace for Crockery, Table Cloth, Napkins, Cutlery, Soda and Water (Lee Lees, Sams Club), Ice (Vijay Sethi). As an option, talk to Little India on Desert.
4. Mansoor will perform along with another lady for \$450 which will include the sound system. Sudeep working details of program.
5. Cleaning ladies for about 3 hours need to be in place. We need to secure the help by talking to the Restaurant folks.
6. Crockery needs to be in place for this event.
7. Program schedule:
 - a. Snacks and Social Hour 6:30 – 7:30pm
 - b. Fashion Show 7:30 – 7:50 pm
 - c. HTA Slide Show 7:50 – 8 pm
 - d. Music performance 8-9pm
 - e. Dinner 9-9:30pm
 - f. Music performance 9:30-10:30pm
8. Various speakers requesting donations will be considered: Surendra to kick off, other potentials (Dr. Hara Misra, Dr. Dinesh Patel, Vasu Atluri/Girija Krishnamurthy). Surendra to close with Dr, Misra, Sudeep and Sanjay to close with Dr. Patel, Sudeep to close with Vasu and Girija.
9. HTA Presentation will include topics: Where are we and where we are going? Loan Status, New member fecilitation.

Rath Yatra Festival: Rath Yatra falls on July 8th Friday. Proposal is to celebrate on Saturday July 9th. Surendra will close with the City to determine if any issues else the event will be held on Sat July 9th. If there is a small puja to be held on Friday July 8th, then we also need to coordinate with Mata Jagran Puja as it falls on that date. We need to carefully consider the length of the program so it is not too long or we sacrifice the rituals.

Manju Misra has volunteered to be the Event Coordinator. The BOD accepted this proposal. Money collected for the Puja from this year cannot be set aside for Puja next year. This is a standard norm for all Pujas and Special Events.

Balaji Puja celebration is being considered for Sravan month on a Saturday. Sudeep is working with Vasul Atluri and the Ray Road temple.

- **Temple Anniversary** will be observed on June 19th Sunday. A small ritual will be performed to observe the event. We want to start around 10am with a small Havan and Ganesh Puja; Bhajans and conclude with Prasad at Noon time. This will also be an occasion to thank all the volunteers for their contributions to the temple.
- **Miscellaneous**
 - BOD need to read the changes in Constitution proposed by Varinder and team. Additionally, we need to provide other inputs on things that they may not have considered.
 - There is money not yet collected from the Hanuman Puja. We need to close with the sponsors.
 - Swami AnantacharyaJi event has so far raised \$675. Given that the amount is not huge, BOD decided to override the previous stipulation of 50% proceeds and is hoping to write 1 check of \$1001 (provided that much is collected from donations) next Saturday when Swamiji is back in the city. Moreover, we didn't specify upfront to all the donors that 50% of collections would go to HTA. A request was made to BOD to determine if they want to contribute.
 - Membership Credit: It was a reminder to the Board that per By Laws no donations in kind can be considered for Membership credit.
 - Service Charges: Sudeep reviewed an issue where \$201 may be too much to ask when performing Puja outside. The Board decided to make the charge \$151 for all services where \$201 was being charged.
 - 1 day off options were discussed. Proposals included reducing the temple hours per day etc. Sudeep will be closing with Shastriji on these options.
 - Mamta Gupta was requesting help to paint the Puja Hall. We discussed the fact that the prior job done was extremely poor and we should be careful of ensuring all planning and resources are in place to perform a good job. Varinder mentioned the electricity outage issues we are having and we need to get a licensed contractor to fix the problem before painting.
 - Board approved \$501 to Kanhaiyalalji for this Services.