



Hindu Temple of Arizona

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Board of Directors Meeting Minutes Date: June 19th

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

Absent: Purnima Sharma

Excused: Vidya Bakshi, Surinder Sharma

Meeting started at 2:05pm and adjourned at 4:15pm.

1. Balaji Event is scheduled for August 6th. All Board members encouraged to support this event by their physical presence as we are doing this for the first time.
2. Rath Yatra - \$1001 Sponsorship for sweeping the floor; Default is the President if we do not get a Sponsor. Sonia Rajvanshi was successful in getting the Police to waive the \$300 charges for security. The Police however made it clear that we need to have early on discussions for next year as the fee would not be waived for the following year. The Board discussed issues from last year when no receipts were submitted after the event. Sonia Rajvanshi was advised to let Manju Misra be the focal point of collecting any receipts.
3. Janmashtami - \$101 for Big Kalash that sponsors can take home; \$21 for the small kalash that sponsors cannot take home; The Deputy Mayor will be making a short speech. The Board gave ideas like Hinduism topics – things that would demonstrate the Deputy Mayor was familiar with our culture and not to make this a political thing.
4. Fundraiser event was successful with funds in the range of \$10,000+ being raised. Additionally, Sonia Rajvanshi mentioned that families that visited Las Vegas also raised \$500 for the Temple.
5. Constitution and By Laws – Varinder reported steady progress. All Board members were urged to review the proposed changes he sent out for any feedback.
6. Altar Construction and Long Term Planning – Ravi mentioned he has not received inputs from the Board. He did get feedback from the Puja Committee members. The Board suggested that Ravi also post the requirements sheet on the Bulletin Board thereby giving general members the opportunity to provide inputs. Agreement was reached to make this available for 2 weeks. The Board also discussed the adjacent land that was on sale. The Board created a small team – Sanjay Sangani, Balbir Sharma and Vasu Atluri to explore the true value of the property and to come to the Board with findings. All Board members were encouraged to not approach the landlord on their own.
7. Temporary improvements were discussed to enable extra parking. The Board agreed that we need to get the cars against the wall and explore the cost of placing barriers so the cars don't hit the wall. The Board discussed placing trees between the cars and agreed to let Ravi Aggarwal define standard requirements for all trees including anyone wanting to dedicate trees in memory of their loved ones.
8. The Board reviewed a proposal to change the timings of the Temple. The Board approved the changes – Saturday (Closed 2-4pm) and Thursdays open (8-10am; 6-8pm).
9. Munnu Bajpai mentioned that the Puja Committee met and determined to start with once a month Puja on Sundays that combines Jagannath Puja with the Sunday Puja. The Board was excited to hear about this positive news. It was also discussed that we were not getting any Sponsors on Tuesday and

Mata Jagran Pujas. There was no other discussion on this topic.