

Board Meeting of the Hindu Temple of Arizona
August 1, 2004, 2:00 pm

Present: Madhu Aggarwal, Mohini Ahuja, Munnu Bajpai, Vidya Bakshi, Nirmala Chhibber, Mamta Gupta, Varinder Narang, Hirisave Ramchandra, Mina Sangani, Balbir Sharma, and Asha Thakur

Also Present: Uma Ramchandra and Sanjay Sangani

1. Open Meeting.

The President opened the meeting at 2:20pm

2. Approval of March, April and May and June Minutes.

Motion 55: To approve the Minutes with the correction on the May Minutes that Asha Thakur voted against Motion # 49.

Proposed by: Vidya Bakshi

Seconded by: Mina Sangani

Carried Unanimously

3. Secretaries Report.

a. **Motion 56:** To pay Simant Mishra \$104.00

Proposed by: Mina Sangani

Seconded by: Vidya Bakshi

Carried Unanimously

b. Discuss Goals as set by Matrix – Madhu And Mamta Left meeting

Motion 57: To Propose Hirisave Ramchandra to chair the Long Term Buildings and Maintenance Committee.

Proposed by: Mina Sangani

Seconded by: Balbir Sharma

Carried Unanimously.

c. Annual General Meeting (AGM) and Election.

Mina Sangani to make and post Notices informing general public of date/time/place/agenda.

AGM and Elections.

Motion 58: To hold AGM and elections on Sunday November 7, 2004.

Proposed by: Vidya Bakshi

Seconded by: Hirisave Ramchandra

Carried Unanimously

The AGM and Elections will be held on Sunday November 7, 2004. The AGM will take place immediately after Maha Prasad and the elections will be held immediately after the AGM.

Balbir Sharma to check with Ankur Bansal about eligibility of Members standing for election and voting. The Board understands that to be eligible to stand for election a **life** member (\$1,000 and above) must have been a life member on or before November 6, 2003. Also To be eligible to vote, a general member (\$100 and above) must have been a general member on or before September 1, 2004.

d. The vacancy left by Subhash Arora still needs to be filled.

Motion 59: To fill the vacancy left by Subhash Arora

Proposed by: Vidya Bakshi

Seconded by: Nirmala Chhibber

Carried Unanimously

Motion 60: Varinder Narang to immediately fill the vacancy on the Board, for the remainder of the two-year term.

Proposed by: Mina Sangani

Seconded by: Vidya Bakshi

Carried Unanimously

4. Treasurers Report.

a. The treasurer presented a financial report to the Board also posted on Notice Board

b. **Motion 61:** Mr. Narang to Chair the Nomination Committee for the upcoming elections

Proposed by: Nirmala Chhibber

Seconded by: Mohini Ahuja

Carried Unanimously

c. Election Committee still to be formed. Munnu Bajpai to collect names for potential Election Committee members.

d. Vacancies: 1 year-term Board members have to be re-elected if they chose to stand again for next year. 2 year-term Board members may want to stand down. If the Board member stands down 1 day before the elections, or 1 day after the elections, the Board needs to appoint a replacement. If the Board members steps down on Election Day, the replacement may be elected.

e. The HTA has been offered diaries at 99 cents each. The Board did not feel they were a necessary expense and will not accept the offer.

f. Policy regarding raising funds for other organizations (Asrams visiting/guest speakers etc.) and providing credit towards membership. The Board feels that a policy needs to be in place to ensure fair treatment of all parties. The Board decided to ask Varinder Narang to formulate appropriate wording to in order to change the by-laws on this issue.

5. Committees Report:

a. Executive Committee:

- The Executive Committee suggested that although both the anniversary and the Rath Yatra were a huge success, the HTA should celebrate both at the same time next year.

b. Puja Committee:

- Munnu Bajpai to set up a calendar committee in order to avoid last minute rush in December.
- The Board was asked to think about and provide recommendations about how to provide cover for the Priest on his day off each week.
- Hirisave Ramcahndra to talk to the Priest about the Temples opening/closing times. The Board wants to stay in keeping with other Temples.
- Board to investigate what other Temples are doing. Mina Sangani to ask about Swami Narayan Temple and Hirisave Ramchandra to ask about other Temples in the Valley

c. Seva Committee

- Madhu Aggarwal requested that the Board re-thinks the Matrix
- Vijay Kapoor wants to set up auto-generated phone calls from the Temple. The Board requested a written proposal from Mr. Kapoor.
- Madhu Aggarwal had magnets made and sold them. She has raised \$426.00 for the Temple. The Board wishes to than Mrs. Aggarwal for her efforts.
- An auction of tiles raised \$2500.00 in pledges for the Temple. The list was passed on to Hirisave Ramchandra.

d. Buildings and Maintenance

- The air conditioner failed because of an error in installing a filter. The problem has been fixed. Anyone replacing filters please do a thorough job and do not try to save pennies by buying generic filters that are going to cause a more major problem in the long run.

e. Communications

- Rohini Sharma has requested that information be given to him in full as he is unable to make up fliers etc. without it.
- Rohini Sharma is out of town. Mamta Gupta to cover in his absence. Sanjay Sangani to assist only with the fliers for the Janmastami event.

6. Varia

- Munnu Bajpai circulated important upcoming dates
- Nirmala Chhibber to coordinate Janmastami event and to keep Executive Committee and Balbir Sharma updated on progress 2-3 times a week.

7. Meeting Closed The closed the meeting at 6:30pm