



Hindu Temple of Arizona

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Board of Directors Meeting Minutes Date: Aug 14th

Attendees: Sudeep Mehta, Sanjay Sangani, Munnu Bajpai, Mamta Gupta, Varinder Narang, Mohini Ahuja, Vasu Atluri, Sonia Rajvanshi, Surinder Sharma

Absent: Purnima Sharma, Balbir Sharma, Vijay Sethi

Excused: Vidya Bakshi, Ravi Aggarwal

Meeting started at 2:25pm and adjourned at 4:45pm.

1. Financial Update – Loan outstanding is \$17k. Board members encouraged the Treasurer to determine how we can payoff the loan quickly. We can drive funds for new projects based on need. We also requested the Treasurer to start processing the loan application. We have seen a steady increase in our water and electricity bills. It was noted that we have reduce the water cycle of our landscape to once a day that should make a difference. We also noted that it is necessary to have a programmable thermostat with a lock to bring down electricity costs. BOD approved \$180 for 2 thermostats.
2. Next Door land: BOD approved Surinder Sharma from approaching a broker to negotiate between \$320k and \$360k with earnest money around \$5k. This is a contingent offer provided the BOD can successfully get the By Laws changed to allow BODs to make a monetary decision upto \$500k as opposed to \$50k today.
3. Rath Yatra – Discussion around paying \$501 to the Priest who performed Puja. BOD maintained that we need to stick to our process and pay \$200 based on \$101 per day. Also, we need to close the accounts and for all future events establish a process to close the books within the month.
4. Outstanding receivables: Some money outstanding from Hanuman Jayanti and Fundraiser Dinner event.
5. Ganesh Chaturthi will be celebrated on September 7th at the Temple.
6. Constitution and By Laws – Varinder reported steady progress. All Board members were urged to review the proposed changes he sent out for any feedback. Key discussions around the following points that were provided by the Board on the draft changes created by the sub team led by Varinder Narang:
 - a. Get \$500k approval instead of current proposed \$250k
 - b. Reduce size of Board to 9 members given the size of our Temple.
 - c. Leave the donations of Puja money towards membership as it is today.
 - d.
7. Altar Construction and Long Term Planning – We didn't have any discussion given we spent time on Constitution and By Laws. A dedicated meeting will be convened to have discussion on Altar and Murthis.
8. Improvements: BOD approved \$600 to being a professional painter to paint the Temple Hall and Kitchen as a priority. Dining Hall is nice to do if allowed with the budget. Mamta Gupta will select the paints and Surinder Sharma will hire a contractor. We need to wrap the project up by September 21st and insure no disruption to temple services. Varinder Narang is working on changing the Parking spots to accommodate more cars.
9. 2006 Elections: BOD agreed to Sunday, November 14th.

10. Calendar 2006 – BOD decided to go with 500 calendars and request sponsorship. We are engaging local printers this time for our calendars.

11. Miscellaneous – Mamta Gupta mentioned we ought to consider Internet for Shastriji to use. Some discussions around Pros and Cons. Sudeep to discuss with Shastriji the real benefit and bring back to BOD for resolution. Also, Mamta Gupta mentioned we ought to reduce the Mandap rental charges so we can get more people to rent. No conclusion on this discussion.