

**Board Meeting of the Hindu Temple of Arizona  
December 7, 2003, 2:00pm**

The meeting was called to Order at 2:05pm

**Attendees:**

Mohini Ahuja, Munnu Bajpai, Nirmala Chhibber, Mamta Gupta, Mina Sangani, Balbir Sharma, Surinder Sharma, and Asha Thakur.

Quorum Called by Mina Sangani, meeting facilitator

**1. Approval of Agenda**

**Motion 14** – To accept agenda

**Proposed by** – Balbir Sharma

**Seconded by** – Mohini Ahuja

**Carried Unanimously**

**2. Approval of Minutes from Meeting held on 11/09/03**

The Board approved the minutes from the meeting held on 11/09/03

**3. Relief For Pitaji Bakshi**

A discussion took place during which it was decided that due to Pitaji Bakshi's health. We should make a roster to help him with the opening of the Temple. A schedule was put together.

Mina Sangani was asked by the Board to E-mail Manju and Hara Mishra for help with the morning Jaganath Puja. The Board would like to see a schedule of volunteers to carry out the morning Puja.

**4. Secretaries Report**

Apart from the minutes, the secretary had nothing to report.

**5. Treasurers Report**

Mohini Ahuja presented a report to the Board on behalf of the Board. See attached report.

**6. Committees Report**

- a. **Puja Committee** has been working on the new calendar and although sponsors have been found, we do need more donors. The Board was requested to help in this matter.

The process of finding a permanent Priest, putting together a job description and interviewing him were discussed at Length. Balbir Sharma has a contact from California. This potential new priest is very well versed and highly qualified. This Priest would like to come for an interview.

**Motion 15:** That we pay for the Priest to fly here in order to observe and interview him

**Proposed by** – Balbir Sharma

**Seconded by** – Mohini Ahuja

Carried **Unanimously**

The Board agreed that the Puja Committee should go ahead and advertise for a Priest in papers such as India Abroad as well as our website. Before advertising for a Priest, the Board set some guidelines about what we are looking for. The priest must speak Hindi, English and Sanskrit. The Board would prefer he knows Pujas for; Radha Krishna, Vankateshwara, Ramchandra, Jaganath, Satyanarayan, Shivji, and Mataji. Plus he must be willing to learn and carry out any other Puja the Board deems necessary in the future.

The Puja Committee is responsible for putting together a comprehensive Job Description for the Priest. This is to be done by the next meeting.

- b. **Buildings and Maintenance Committee:** A list was provided by Pitaji detailing various maintenance that needs to be carried out in and around the building. The main priority was the problems with the heating and air conditioning unit. The Board has approved the Buildings Committee to go ahead and begin any work required to maintain the building.

## 7. Varia

- a. The Board agreed that Rohini Sharma and Mina Sangani should work on putting together a newsletter for the Temple.

- b. A new flag is needed for the Temple.

**Motion 16:** Mohini Sharma should have a new flag made for the Temple while she is in India.

**Proposed by:** Balbir Sharma

**Seconded:** Mina Sangani

Carried **Unanimously**

- c. A new karaoke machine/sound system is needed for the Temple.

**Motion 17:** The Board purchases a new system for up to \$300.00

**Proposed:** Mina Sangani

**Seconded:** Balbir Sharma

### **Carried Unanimously**

- d. A new gate is needed for the music area as CD and other equipment regularly goes missing from there. Surinder Sharma to look into cost of having one installed.
- e. A curtain is needed at the alter area so that it can be drawn during the Bhog. Surinder Sharma to install.
- f. Balbir Sharma needs to be refunded \$400.00 that he paid a Corporate Lawyer to help settle issues that arose between members of the previous Board. This decision is postponed until the next Board meeting.
- g. A fireproof locking steel cabinet is needed to store the Temple paperwork securely. Hirisave Ramchandra to look into cost of a new one and bring a proposal to the next meeting.

### **8. Meeting Closure**

**Motion 18:** Due to the lack of time, the rest of the items agenda be postponed until the next meeting. This is done on the understanding that no other matters will be discussed at the next meeting until we have finalized the Management Matrix.

**Proposed by:** Mina Sangani

**Seconded by:** Balbir Sharma

**Carried Unanimously**

The Secretary announced the meeting closed at 5.15pm