

## **Minutes of the BOD of HTA meeting held on October 19, 2008**

**Present:** Prakash Sahoo, Uma Ramchandra (phone), Dilip Parekh, Asha Jain (phone), Ashwani Bakshi, Subhash Arora, Anil Gupta (late 3.15 PM), Govind Sathpathy and Ravinder Aggarwal

**Absent:** Vasu Atluri, Asha Thakur, Deepak Malhotra, Desh Ahuja and Mina Bhagdev

**Others:** None

**Agenda:** Attached

Meeting was called to order by the President (Ravi Aggarwal) at 2:45 PM

1. Approval of the agenda: Motion was made by Subhash Arora to accept the agenda and was seconded by Govind Sathpathy. It was carried unanimously.
2. Approval of the minutes of the meeting held on August 13, 2008 and September 21, 2008: Motion was made by Ravinder Aggarwal to approve the minutes and was seconded by Prakash Sahoo. It was carried unanimously.
3. Follow up from last meeting: Outside puja and dakshina guidelines (not resolved): Ravinder Aggarwal will send e-mail this week updating board on its progress. Renewal of the priests' contracts (not resolved) Uma Ramchandra will submit the recommendations of the puja committee before next meeting. City approval of main temple hall extension (not resolved): Krishna Paliwal has already made the drawing for city, Dilip Parekh to take it to city for approval in two weeks. Property tax refund: (not resolved) Anil Gupta to provide details.
4. Upcoming HTA election: HTA will hold its board of directors' election on 7<sup>th</sup> December (Sunday) of 2008. Prakash Sahoo will post notice and election nomination form at least 30 days prior to the election date. Nomination committee formed, members are Subhash Arora (Chairperson), Ashwani Bakshi and Sonia Rajwansi to oversee and seek qualified candidates for the upcoming election. BOD will form election committee in two to three weeks to oversee election activities. Any HTA member who has donated \$1000 by October 31, 2007 can contest for the board and who has donated \$100 by October 31, 2008 will be eligible for voting. HTA will elect six new BOD members this year to serve HTA BOD for next two years. Six opening are, one from North, two from South, one from West, one from East and one floating.
5. Construction and maintenance committee update: As per Ravinder Aggarwal, construction of new dining hall has been in hold for past two weeks due to trouble with contractor. A new contractor will start the remaining works if other one does not show up in next two days. After painting and door are installed, termite treatment will

be done to all three buildings. Prakash Sahoo suggested having the termite treatment done prior to any flooring work, Prakash Sahoo will send details of price quote by e-mail.

6. Treasurer report: HTA bank balance as of 10/19/08 is \$44565. September monthly income \$16200 and expenditure \$6300. September income is not included in the above balance shown.
7. Puja committee update:
  - Mata Jagran Oct 25/26 (Saturday/Sunday): Hawan 6 – 7 PM  
Jagran 9 PM – 5 AM  
Event coordinator Uma Ramchandra and Kamal Kharbanda  
As per decision by the board, any chunni that will go over Mataji is to become the property of HTA. Devotees can keep new clothes and chunni near Mataji and able to take home as they wish after the Mata jagaran puja.
  - Deepawali Puja/Hawan Oct 28 (Tuesday): 7 – 9 PM  
Event coordinator Subhash Arora  
HTA will sell puja plate for \$5.00 with one diya, flower and fruit. One sweet will be offered to the devotees by pandit ji with aashirwad.
8. HTA Calendar: A committee is formed, members are Ravinder Aggarwal, Subhash Arora, Anil Gupta and Ashwani Bakshi to oversee making of 2009 HTA calendar. Dilip Parekh made a motion, calendar committee to come up with 2009 HTA calendar design, sponsorship, event dates, and quantity by end of October 08 and was seconded by Ravi Aggarwal. It was carried unanimously.
9. HTA fund raising event plan: Not discussed.
10. Garuda Murti Stapan: As per Govind Satpathy, in every Vishnu temple, we have Garuda ji. People first touch and do parikrama of Garuda ji before worshipping Vishnuji. Garuda murti always faces the alter and we can place garuda murti near the back wall of temple hall. Ravinder Aggarwal asked the question “do we need a Garuda murti in the temple?” Everybody agreed to have a garuda murti including Uma Ramchandra and Asha Jain (on the phone). Asha Jain stated that we should ask pandit ji about the Garud murti and after that we can place one in the temple if required. BOD will follow up with this in regards to design, size, location and proper pran pertista of Garuda murti taking into account that the wall in the puja hall will be coming down. Govind Satpathy made a motion to put a Garuda murti in the temple facing opposite of alter and was seconded by Subhash Arora. It was carried unanimously.
11. New Board member nomination: Ravinder Aggarwal made a motion to nominate Kamal Kharbanda to replace Krishna Paliwal (She accepted the nomination by writing a hand written note) and was seconded by Govind Satpathy. It was carried unanimously.
12. Pandit jis contract: Uma Ramchandra will talk to the members of puja committee and provide their input in creating new contract for the Panditji. Pundit Khanyalalji will go to India for four months starting December 2008. HTA BOD needs to look for a temporary pundit starting now. HTA Board will contact pundit Jaigopalji to see if he

can help during this time. Ravi Aggarwal made a motion to apply for a tourist visa for pundit Jaigopalji and was seconded by Subhash Arora. It was carried unanimously.

13. Task Force report: Ravi Aggarwal provided details of the meetings held verbally. Task force's recommendation to put the murtis, one on each side of the new double door, was conveyed to the board and all present agreed with the proposal. It was also decided that the height of these two murtis will be same as the height of other 3 feet tall murtis on the alter. It was agreed that a sign indicating that these are temporary locations for these murtis (Padmavati ji and Shri Satyanarayan Ji) while the temple extension plan is executed, will be placed next to each murti. Padmavati Ji's murti will be brought out before Mata Jagran and will be returned after the jagran. Then both murtis will be brought out once the wooden platforms for them are built.
14. Comments by Subhash Arora: Subhash Arora thanked Ravi Aggarwal and Asha Jain for organizing Ram Katha event. He made a motion to bring the speaker to the temple again next year and was seconded by Dilip Parekh. It was carried unanimously.
15. Closure: Subhash Arora made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Govind Satpathy. The meeting adjourned at 5.00 PM.