

## **Minutes of meeting of the BOD held on 4/10/11**

The meeting of the Board of Directors of HTA (BOD HTA) was held on 4/10/11 in the Annapurna Hall at the temple.

Following were present:

Rina Narang, Madhu Aggarwal, Nirmal Chhibber, Sumana Ghosh, Pramod Ghiya, Sateesh Ambadi, Vimal Arora, Rajshree Panda & Isha Vashisht, Prakash Sahoo.

Absent: Anil Gupta, Anita Ramaiah, Desh Ahuja, Sushma Bakshi.

Others present: Kamal Kharbanda, Alisha, Shirmishtha Satapathy and her son.

Meeting started at 3:10 PM after quorum was achieved.

The secretary offered a short prayer at the start of the meeting. All present joined in the prayer.

Members were asked if any other agenda items needed to be added.

Following items were added.

Prasad ---- Rina Narang 10mts.

Desh Ahuja's resignation from the board because of health reasons—Madhu Agarwal. (not discussed because of lack of time).

### **Item 1 –Approval of the agenda:**

Motion to approve the agenda was made by Rina Narang (RN)

Seconded by: Rajshree Panda (RP).

All OK. Motion was carried unanimously.

### **Item 2—Approval of minutes of meeting held on 3/13/11**

NC suggested the following change to the minutes:

In the meeting held on 3/13/11 she had given the program details for the month of April only.

PG suggested the following change to item #8: (change shown in red)

NC asked why Satya Narayan ji's murti was not placed in the original location after Maha Shiv Ratri Puja. PG stated that he had consulted the pandit ji and he had said that the present location of the murti is the proper location because now the murti is facing

north. At this time Pandit Satya Narayan ji was requested to join the meeting and give his opinion to the BOD. Pandit ji reiterated that only Shiv ji and Hanuman ji's murtis can face south, therefore the present location of the Satya Narayan ji's murti was the proper location. He also stated two other things .

Motion to approve the minutes of meeting held on 3/13/ 11 with the above changes was proposed by PG and Seconded by SG.

All OK. Motion was carried unanimously.

**AI: Approved minutes to be sent by the secretary to be posted on the HTA website.**

### **Item 3--- Puja Committee update**

NC provided the following details for the events in the months of May and June.

1.. Mata Jagran ----- May 13 (Friday) 7 to 9 PM

3. Satyanarayan Puja and Hanuman Puja ---- May 17 (Tuesday) 7 to 9 PM

4. Mothers Day/ Sunday Puja ---- May 8<sup>th</sup> (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday) 5 to 7 PM

### **June, 2011**

1. Mata Jagran ---- June 10<sup>th</sup> (Friday) 7 to 9 PM

2. Satyanarayan Puja / Dev Snana Purnima ----- June 15 (Wednesday) 7 to 9 PM

3. Temple Anniversary Celebration / Fathers Day / Sunday Puja - ----- June 19 (3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday) 5 to 7 PM

4. Temple 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary ----- June 20 (Monday) ----- It is a actual date for information and we have to talk about special two days celebration in the next board meeting (June 19 and 20).

NC suggested that we should do something as a fund raising event at the time of the temple anniversary.

**AI: NC to send the list of events to the secretary.**

Rimpi Sodhi will bring paper products and uncooked food for Hanuman Jayanti Prasad.

NC will request the Satyanarayan Puja sponsor to bring one subji for this major event.

Some of the board members suggested there should be a plan published for all major events by the event co ordinators so that everybody is aware of the details of activities.

NC stated that for one of the events balloons were placed in front of the deities on the alter and the murtis were covered by the balloons. In future care should be taken to make sure the view of the murtis is not obstructed.

**AI: NC to inform pandit ji about this.**

RN suggested that for special pujas the bhog thali should be placed in front of the deity for which the main puja is being conducted. All were OK with this.

**AI: As Prasad co ordinator RN to arrange for this going forward along with the event co ordinator (if there is one).**

**Rath Yatra:** Rath Yatra will take place on July 3<sup>rd</sup>. Prakash Sahoo will be the event coordinator for the Rath Yatra.

A budget for this event in the amount of \$ 2000 was proposed.

Motion proposed to pass the above budget by PS, Seconded by RP.

All were OK. Motion carried unanimously.

**AI: PS and AR will make flier for the Rath Yatra.**

NC shared a proposal for the murti sthapna of Shri Satyanarayan Ji's murti with the board members. SA stated that Satyanarayan Ji's murti and Padmavati Ji's murti should only face East or West.

PG stated that the proposal will be given to the long range planning committee for review and recommendations.

**AI: PG to give the proposal to the long range planning committee for their recommendations.**

**Item #4- Treasurer's report**

Since the treasurer was out of town the treasurer's report was read by PG.

March 2011 Collection	\$15,651.00
Year to date for 3months	\$49,755.00
Expenses for March 2011	\$9,548.00
Expenses Yr. to date	\$27,182.00
Balance as of March 31 <sup>st</sup> 2011	\$70,993.00

**AI: PG to send a copy to the secretary so that it can be included in the minutes.**

**Item # 5: Priest hiring committee recommendation:**

Kamal Kharbanda provided details of the committee's discussions with various priests including the one in India and another one from Canada. After discussions the committee made a recommendation to hire Pt Kanhiya Lal ji for the time being ( 1 year) since he is a familiar face for the devotees and performed well at the time of murti sthapna in the temple. He also has very good relations with the devotees and attracts many devotees to the temple. He can join on a very short notice and is willing to travel from India at his own expense.

Motion to hire Pt Kanhiya Lal ji was made by RN and seconded by VA. Satish Ambadi abstained and all others were in favor and the motion was carried.

There was a discussion in the board about the salary for Pt Kanhiya Lal ji and it was proposed that he should be given a salary of \$1200 PM and an amount of \$200 PM towards the cost of medical insurance.

**AI: Kamal Kharbanda to discuss the salary details with Pandit Kanhiya Lal Ji and inform the board about the outcome.**

**Item # 6:** Sumana Ghosh reiterated that she would like to take part in the activities related to the responsibilities of the treasurer so that she can also learn.

PG proposed that in order to resolve this issue SG should send this as an agenda item for the next board meeting to the secretary and it can then be discussed.

**AI: SG to send the agenda item to the secretary for the next board meeting.**

**Item # 7: Swami Ram Kamal Das Vedanti Ji's visit.**

The discourse will be from May 1<sup>st</sup> to May 7<sup>th</sup> and will be on Bhagwat Katha.

Swami ji will be given a donation of \$ 1100 and round trip air fare by HTA. As per Swami Ji's discussions with PG Swami Ji will not talk about his organization during the discourse in the HTA. PG also stated and made it very clear that if any devotee gives a donation directly to the Swami Ji it will not be taken by HTA or counted towards the donation to be given to Swami Ji by HTA.

A budget and spending of \$2000 was approved unanimously by the board for this event.

PG will be the event coordinator for this event.

**Item #8: Discussion about Prasad preparation in the temple.**

RN stated that as the Prasad co ordinator RN had found some volunteers to make the Prasad on Tuesdays. However, some of these volunteers do not know how to make Kadhi. RN suggested that if the volunteers can not make Kadhi they should be given the privilege to make Prasad that they can comfortably make. She also stated that she will discuss the issue with some other volunteers and make sure that there is enough quantity of Prasad being served in the temple on Tuesdays. As an alternative to Kadhi the quantity of subji can be increased and/or raita can also be served.

Motion was proposed by PG to close the meeting. Seconded by VA.

All agreed.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 PM

