

## **Minutes of meeting of the BOD held on 5/15/11**

The meeting of the Board of Directors of HTA (BOD HTA) was held on 5/15/11 in the Annapurna Hall at the temple.

Following were present:

Madhu Aggarwal, Nirmal Chhibber, Sushma Bakshi, Sumana Ghosh, Anita Ramaiah, Pramod Ghiya, Rajashree Panda. Isha Vashisht, Vimal Arora.

Absent: Prakash Sahoo, Desh Ahuja, Anil Gupta, Rina Narang, Sateesh Ambadi

Others present: Ravinder Aggarwal,  
Uma Ramchandra & Puja Ghiya were present in the Annapurna hall for a short period while the meeting was going on.

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.

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

Motion to approve the agenda was made by Pramod Ghiya (PG).

Seconded by: Anita Ramaiah (AR)

All OK. Motion was carried unanimously.

### **Item 2—Approval of minutes held on 4/10/11**

**NC reminded to make changes in the meeting on 3/13/11 item #8**

All OK with the minutes of meeting held in April with this comment.

Motion was made by Vimal Arora and was seconded by Rajashree Panda.

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

### **Item 3: Resignation of DA from HTA BOD.**

The resignation was withdrawn by DA

All present welcomed the withdrawal of the resignation.

**Item 4: Resignation of the treasurer.**

The resignation was withdrawn by treasurer SB

All present welcomed the withdrawal of the resignation.

**Item 5: Puja Co ordinator Satya Narain ji Puja.**

Isha Vashisht said that she wanted to be the co ordinator of monthly Satya Narain ji's Puja. She stated that NC has been doing it for a long time and that everybody should get a chance.

PG said NC is doing a good job. We should introduce new people with new ideas and that is how it is done in the Cabinet as well. AR Supported PG and IV

NC said that she wanted to know if she was not doing a good job. She said that Isha should be the coordinator next year. NC also stated that she (NC) should continue to be the co ordinator for this year since it is already May and that a new co ordinator can be appointed next year and IV can be the co ordinator at that time for the full year. In the meantime if IV wants to help NC she can do that.

AR said that she agrees with NC and that she should continue and RP also agreed with her.

Everybody's opinion was taken and then the voting was done.

Motion – IV to be the co coordinator of monthly Satya Narain ji's Puja for rest of this year.

Yes- IV, SB, PG, MA

No- SG, AR, VA, RP, NC

Decision: NC will continue to be the coordinator of Satya Narain ji's monthly Puja for this year.

It was also agreed that a new co ordinator will be appointed for Satyanarain Ji's puja next year.

**Item 6: Fund raising effort update**

PG gave an update to the BOD on the recent fundraising effort. He mentioned that commitments for approximately \$20,000 were made during the event that was arranged by Shayne Kuber, Navin Kuber, Bipin Kanabar and his friends. The event did not cost HTA any money.

**Item 7: R1 Visa status letter to INS for Pt Kameshwar ji.**

The secretary said that the letter drafted by the legal counsel had been mailed to INS.

**Item 8: Involvement of joint treasurer in day to day treasurer's activities.**

SG stated that she wanted to get involved in treasurer's activities like counting money and getting second key. PG said that it is important to have only one key and treasurer is responsible for that. Treasurer can share some responsibilities with the co treasurer's.

VA asked if the counting the money was important or it was important to learn the procedure. She also mentioned that if Sumana wants to be the treasurer next year it is a good idea to get to know the procedure this year. SB said that SG can help in keeping the record of people who have given donation to HTA on different occasions and the amounts donated by them. Sumana could help in making the entries and in maintaining the spreadsheet of all the donations made.

**AI : SB to show SG how the paper work is done and if SG is present in the temple that day than SG can also get involved in counting money as well.**

**Item: 9 Treasurer's report**

1. Bank Balance as of 05/15/2011: \$ 76,576.51

Checking Account: \$ 26,552.54

Savings Account: \$ 50,023.97

Special Events Since last BOD Meeting:

A. Hanuman Jyanti

B. Bhagvat Katha

Total Collections so far:

Hanuman Jyanti \$ 5, 753.00      Outstanding \$ 802.00

Bhagvat Katha \$ 2,120.00      Outstanding \$ 2,413.00

Total Collections for the Month of April \$ 15,003.00

Total Collections for the Month of May \$ 5,053.00 ( One hundi collection on 8th May)

No outstanding payments as of today, all bills have been paid except, Bhagvat

Katha expenditure by individuals. One check to Swami ji for \$ 1,100.00 and one to Jiten for \$ 223.18 already paid.

**Item: 10 Puja Committee update. Schedule for special events only needs to be discussed in BOD meeting.**

**May, 2011**

1. Dr.Ram Kamaldas Vedantiji Pravachan ---- May 1<sup>st</sup> (Sunday) to May 7<sup>th</sup> (Saturday)
2. 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 (June 19 and 20)

**Item: 11 Satya Narain ji's Murti Sthapna update**

Issue of sthapna of Shri Satyanarayn Ji's and Padmavati Ji's murtis was raised again. PG informed NC and others present that as per discussions in the general body meeting no more murtis are to be placed in the puja hall and suggested that these murtis should be placed in the Navagraha shrine and the sthapna ceremony for these murtis can be performed there. He also mentioned hat he had discussed this issue with the long range planning committee and that was also the recommendation from the committee. After a discussion following motion was proposed.

**Motion: Shri Satya Narayan ji's murti and Padmavati ji's murti should be placed in the Navagraha Shrine and the sthapna of these murtis should be done there. In order to maintain the aesthetics and original symmetry of the temple and the alter no additional murtis will be placed in the main temple hall in the future**

**Yes: VA, AR, RP, PG, SB, IV, MA**

**No: SG**

**Abstained: NC**

The motion was carried with a majority vote.

**Item: 12 Volunteer Projects**

**AI: AR to send the secretary the details.**

The secretary informed the board that the next board meeting will be held on Sunday, June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2011 from 3 PM to 5 PM in the Annapurna Hall at the HTA.

Meeting was closed at 5:05 PM.

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