

Minutes of meeting of the BOD held on 6/26/11

The meeting of the Board of Directors of HTA (BOD HTA) was held on 6/26/11 in the Annapurna Hall at the temple.

Following were present:

Sushma Bakshi, Sumana Ghosh, Desh Ahuja, Vimal Arora, Nirmal Chibber, Anita Ramaiah, Rajashree Panda, Madhu Aggarwal

Absent: Prakash Sahoo, Anil Gupta, Isha Vashisht, Rina Narang, Pramod Ghiya, Sateesh Ambadi.

Others present: Ashwani Bakshi

Meeting started at 3:19 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 agenda item was added by Nirmal.

Murti Sathpana Update

Item 1 –Approval of the agenda:

Motion to approve the agenda was made by Vimal Arora

Seconded by: Sushma Bakshi

All OK. Motion was carried unanimously.

Item 2—Approval of minutes of meeting held on 5/15/11

NC pointed the following points to be fixed in the minutes of meeting held on 5/15/11 before approval.

Item 5: The Secretary was asked to make correction that the sentence AR Supported PG and IV should be in continuation with previous sentence.

Item 10: Puja Committee update

Wrong Puja Committee update was added to the minutes by mistake. July 2011 Schedule for events needs to be added to the minutes.

Motion to approve the minutes of meeting held on 5/15/ 11 was proposed by Anita and was seconded by Vimal.
All were OK. Motion was carried unanimously.

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

Item 3-Janamasthmi Event budget approval/plans.

A budget of \$1000 for the Janamashtami was requested by the event coordinator.

Motion: The motion to approve the budget was proposed by Anita and was seconded by Sushma.

ALL were OK.

Motion was carried and the budget of \$1000 was approved for the Janamashtami event.

AI: Nirmal to ask Jala Ram group if they can sing bhajan on 21st august.

4. Chanchal's Program—fund raising event in September.

Desh Ji said that Chanchal's group charges \$ 20,000 for weekend and \$15,000 for weekdays to do Mata Jagran.

It was estimated by Desh Ji that even if we decide to do Mata Jagran on a weekday the total charges are going to come to approximately \$20,000.

AI: Anita to write e-mail to all the devotee's and ask them if somebody wants to sponsor Chanchal's group for Mata Jagran.

AI: Nirmal To contact Jala Ram group and find out if one or more than one person would like to sponsor Chanchal's group for Mata Jagran.

Item 5: Treasurer's Report:

Bank Balance as of 05.31.2011: \$ 70,533.00

Total Donations Collected: 13,875.00

Total expenses: 13,643.00

Major Expense:

Long Term Project Expenses: \$ 4,560.

Sushma informed that the monthly mortgage payment of the buldging next to the temple is \$3,300. Nirmal suggested that looking at the figures we should Pay \$700 towards principal and make the payment of \$4,000

Motion: To make the mortgage payment to the bank for the amount of \$4,000 (\$700 Additional Principal) as long as economically feasible. The motion was proposed by Anita and was seconded by Sumana.

Yes: Nirmal, Anita, Sumana, Rajashree, Desh, Vimal, Madhu

No: Sushma

Motion was carried.

Item 6: Puja Committee update:

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1. Mata Jagran ---- June 10th (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 (3rd Sunday) 5 to 7 PM
4. Temple 10th 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)

Nirmal said that Gita Paishwaria does Mata Jagran and she is already in town.

The board decided to invite Gita Paishawaria to do Mata Jagran this month and pay \$251 for doing two hour Chowky in the mandir.

AI: Nirmal to contact Gita and confirm with her to do Mata Jagran.

Nirmal said that Pandit Satya Narain ji is saying that the phone is not working. Ashwani Bakshi present at that time offered to help us and take care of this matter.

Nirmal said that some of the sprinklers were not working. Sushma said that all the sprinklers were working well.

Nirmal asked as to who had made the recognition list. Madhu said that she had made the list and the list was sent to all board members. Any additional names suggested by several board members were included in the list. Rajashree confirmed that she had told Madhu to add a couple of volunteers to the list and those names were added. Desh Ji said that if there were any questions Nirmal should have brought those to the attention of the secretary when she got the e-mail and not after the fact when the program is also over.

Item 7: Clean up

Anita pointed that kitchen in Puja hall needs to be organized and few other things also needed to be done. She suggested that we need volunteers as well as hire some labor to clean up and organize better.

AI: Anita to come on Sunday and get the estimate from the landscaper and the Cleaning lady to do the clean up. And if the estimate is good she can get it done the same day or whenever convenient to her.

Item 8: Approval for things costing >\$1000 in BOD meetings.

Desh ji said that this was necessary to be taken care off this time. And some times maintaince and other things needs to be taken care off and the meetings are held once in a month.

Vimal said that last year it was \$250 approval and this year it is \$1000 The Board agreed with Desh ji saying that it is all right for the board members to communicate through e-mail and get the approval.

The board agreed to make the decision through e-mails for the approval of budget of upto \$1000 (buying or maintenance).

Ashwani mentioned that there is lot of rice in the pantry next to the kitchen. If it is not utilized in time all of that will get wasted.

AI: Ashwani to go and donate some of the uncooked rice to the Nepalese families.

Item 9. Murti Sthapana update.

Anita started talking about Navgrah and Satyanarain ji's murti. She said this is just a discussion and we are not deciding anything today. The secretary said that Pramod is the long term planning chair and he was not present in the meeting so we should not be discussing this topic. The location of Navgrah mutis , Satya Narain ji's murti and Padmawati ji's murti had already been approved by a majority vote in an earlier board meeting and Nirmal and Sumana Ghosh are the only ones who did not agree to that everybody else had voted in favor of the motion. So why was this issue being raised again for discussions. Anita said that as the process did not get started so far and it is important to do the right thing it is OK to have the discussion. According to Anita Navgrah can be put in SW direction but we cannot put Padmawati ji's and Satya Narainji's murti in -----direction. (Anita please fill the direction)

The secretary said that we just decided the place and not the direction so far. Nirmal agreed with Anita saying Padmawati ji's and Satya Narain ji's murti should not be put in the same area.

No decision was made. The secretary stated that since the decision had already been made in the board meeting after several months of discussions and due diligence this topic should not be discussed any further and we should move forward.

10. The meeting was closed at 5.35PM.

