

Minutes of the BOD of HTA meeting held on January 27, 2008

Present: Ravi Aggarwal, Subhash Arora, Govind Sathpathy, Anil Gupta, Krishna Paliwal, Prakash Sahoo and Mina Bhagdev.

Absent: Asha Thakur, Dilip Parekh, Asha Jain, Deepak Malhotra, Uma Ramachandran, Vasu Atluri, Desh Ahuja and Ashwani Bakshi

Others: Varinder Narang for part of the meeting.

Agenda: Attached

Meeting was called to order by the President (Ravi Aggarwal) at 2:20 PM.

Item number 4 added to agenda: Treasurer's report, responsible Anil Gupta

1. Approval of the agenda: Motion was made by Ravi Aggarwal to accept the agenda and was seconded by Govind Sathpathy. It was carried unanimously.
2. Approval of the minutes of the meeting held on Jan 6, 2008: Motion was made by Krishna Paliwal to approve the minutes and was seconded by Govind Sathpathy. It was carried unanimously.
3. Approval of the minutes of the meeting held on Jan 13, 2008: Motion was made by Govind Sathpathy to approve the minutes and was seconded by Prakash Sahoo. It was carried unanimously.
4. Treasurer report: as of 28th January 2008 HTA bank balance \$80,768.00. Outstanding payments are \$21750.00 (25% of loan distribution- not paid), around \$3000.00 utility bill (not paid), \$3000.00 both punditji salary (not paid), maid service \$750.00 (not paid) and \$650.00 temple roof repair (not paid). Minimum \$30000.00 balance needs to be maintained in the bank to avoid bank service charge.
Balance left in bank after these expenses will be appx \$ 20,000.
Average monthly on going temple expense is around \$12000.00. Anil Gupta will make a budget for the year 2008 after meeting with Mohini Ahuja in 2 weeks. (By 2/10/08)
5. The near term task list was prioritized. It will be distributed by Ravi Aggarwal with priorities indicated.
6. A list of main events for the year 2008 was submitted by Uma Ramchandra. This will be circulated and posted on the HTA notice board (Ravi Aggarwal) and the web site (Deepak Malhotra).
7. Prasad committee update: Oriya community will take care of second Sunday of every month and Sushma Bakshiji will take care of one Sunday of every month. Another group of three people (Madhu Aggarwal, Rina Narang and Vimal Arora) will take care of one Sunday every month. This leaves only 1 Sunday open every month for Prasad. We will try to find another group who can cook Prasad on the remaining Sunday. All agreed to avoid spending money for cooking of Prasad.
8. Web page update: Deepak Malhotra has agreed and received necessary training from Jagdish Sharma to take care of HTA website updates and maintenance. He should

upload the information about Saraswati Puja and the co ordination for the outside pujas.

- 9 Fund arising activities: It was decided to get feedback on the Ghazal singer (Sunil Mungee) who had performed at Ekta Mandir. In addition it was decided to get another 500 shawls from India. This shawls will be given to those who will sponsor pujas for \$101 or more.
Govind Satpathy suggested starting new Holi mela in March of every year as a fund raising event, which was supported by all the members. Dr Satpathy will provide all the details of it in next meeting for consideration.
10. Giving HTA t-shirts: It was approved by all board members that, providing t-shirts to (one per family) those sponsoring the puja/archana.
11. Temple will start a special Abishekam for devotees on their special days like Birthdays and anniversaries etc. Prakash Sahoo and Anil Gupta can lead that activity and co ordinate the details.
12. Ravi Aggarwal and Subhash Arora provided details about the mela being arranged by Indo American Cultural Association on 2/23/08. The menu was finalized in the last meeting and HTA was also allotted a booth and a table. We can sell coins, T-shirts, bracelets and OM pins at the mela. Sushma Bakshi will be in charge of food preparation activities and Uma Ramchandra will be in charge of booth decoration. We will need a lot of volunteers for this event.
13. Utilization of the new property and any construction needs: Motion was made by Krishna Paliwal to approve spending for Project #1, Kitchen and punditji room alternation and construction related cost around \$11000.00 and was seconded Ravi Aggarwal. It was carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Ravi Aggarwal to approve spending for Project #2 Renovation of dining area (garage) and related construction cost around \$10000.00 (money to be spent after verifying availability of funds) and was seconded by Govind Sathpathy. It was carried unanimously. The project and the funding have thus been approved. However, before the start of the project Ravi and Subhash will check with the treasurer and if the amount of \$10,000 is available then the project will be started.

- 14 Updates on Priests roles and responsibilities: Will request Pandit ji to make a list of things needed for each special puja to be brought by devotees.
Proposal for consideration for special celebration of each deity: Calling a learned person to speak at the event. Need volunteers and define a budget.
- 15 Other items: Krishna Paliwal is moving to Dallas, however will continue to serve temple as a member of the BOD for next several months by supporting the design related activities for the construction project. All present agreed with this approach.
Oriya dance group will perform in Phoenix area on 12th April 2008, associated cost is around \$9000.00 (no financial obligation to HTA), any income over \$9000.00 will be donated to HTA. HTA will sponsor the event as a fund raising activity. Dr Satapathy will provide fliers for this event and other details.

Develop a form to be given to new devotees as they are introduced for their name, address and special day etc.

Cultural committee formed: Chair person Govind Satpathy and team of Mina Bhagdev and Asha Jain.

It was discussed to form a committee to engage youth 16 and above and another under 16. Mina Bhagdev will explore its viability and define curriculum.

Motion was made by Krishna Paliwal to approve sending the temple signpost design to city for their approval and was seconded by Ravinder Aggarwal. It was carried unanimously.

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16 Krishna Paliwal made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Mina Bhagdev. The meeting adjourned at 5.00pm.