

Minutes of the BOD of HTA meeting held on February 24, 2008

Present: Ravi Aggarwal, Subhash Arora, Govind Sathpathy, Anil Gupta, Prakash Sahoo, Mina Bhagdev, Deepak Malhotra, Dilip Parekh, Asha Thakur, Uma Ramchandra, Asha Jain and Vasu Atluri.

Absent: Krishna Paliwal, Desh Ahuja and Ashwani Bakshi

Agenda: Attached

Meeting was called to order by the President (Ravi Aggarwal) at 2:15 PM.

The agenda was modified to add the following 5 items by the board members to be added below item 15

- Input for board on youth activities.
 - Why e-mail C.C not sent to everybody but to one person.
 - Communication protocols for bigger item projects.
 - Ekta temple, what we learn and how to implement it.
 - Time slot for Asha Jain.
1. Approval of the agenda: Motion was made by Subhash Arora to accept the agenda and was seconded by Mina Bhagdev. It was carried unanimously.
 2. Approval of the minutes of the meeting held on Jan 27, 2008: Motion was made by Subhash Arora to approve the minutes and was seconded by Govind Sathpathy. It was carried unanimously.
 3. Communication protocol (e-mail use): Ravi Aggarwal advised to double check e-mail IDs when replying to HTA board related confidential communication to others so that it will not go to third party. Mina Bhagdev apologized to board for her recent e-mail communication error. It was suggested that we should institute a phone tree to reach BOD during any emergency.
 4. Treasurer report: The period of January 19 to February 10, 2008 HTA bank balance \$55,900.00. During this period donation collected for the amount of \$12800.00 and expenditure total \$9900.00. Last months telephone bill was \$96.00 and the water bill was \$450.00, Anil Gupta will explore to find out why the bill is so high and other options. Vasu Atluri will take lead on SRP (electric company) issue of broken electric meter with help from Mr Kulbhusan . Current mortgage rate is 6.58%, Asha Jain will take lead on finding different refinance options. Ravinder Aggarwal will contact insurance company regarding damage to murtis and mandap during shipment.
 5. Prasad committee update: Committee is still looking for volunteer to cook the prasad on third and fifth (if there is) Sundays of every month and any special events. Asha Jain will take lead in finding volunteers for cooking prasad. Asha Jain will contact

cleaning lady to clean kitchen and puja hall after each special event. Rina Narang and Dilip Parekh will assist her as needed. Anil Gupta will provide cleaning service number to Asha Jain.

6. Puja committee update: schedule for Maha Shivratri event will be from 6.00 PM to 10.00 PM. Rina Narang, Dilip Parekh and Subhash Arora will coordinate puja activities. Next months (April) event coordinator will be Ashwani Bakshi and Mina Bhagdev as back up for Ram Navami and Hanuman Jayanti.
7. Bala Ji's abhishek: As per Uma Ramchandra and Vasu Atluri, Bala Ji (main idol) has to be abhishek by water (few gallons) at least once a week or twice a month to preserve the chemistry of idol stone. Ravinder Aggarwal requested that, Uma Ramchandra to provide more details of its procedure (after talking to experts in that field) to committee so that board can explore different options.
8. Coordination between priests on special puja occasions: Varinder Narang is in charge of coordinating all inside/outside pujas to avoid conflict between both priests. For special puja events, puja committee with help from Virinder Narang will communicate to both priests to avoid any miscommunication.
9. Cultural committee update: Holi Utsav: Motion was made by Prakash Sahoo, that Hindu temple will celebrate Holi Utsav on 3/22/08 between 4.00 PM to 9.00 PM and was seconded by Subhash Arora. It was carried unanimously. HTA will sponsor Rudrakshya (classical dance) event, without any financial obligation and any income over \$9000.00 will be donated to HTA. Govind Satpathy provided fliers of the event to board.
10. Fund raising ideas for parking lot upgrade: As per previous estimate, it will cost around \$15000.00 to upgrade current parking lot to accommodate parking along the south wall. Asha Jain will lead this upgrade project with help from construction committee to come up with a plan and accurate cost of the project. Asha Jain will be meeting with, Subhash Arora, Vasu Atluri, Narang Varinder and Ravi Aggarwal.
11. Construction and maintenance committee update: Asha Thakur opposed both the projects i.e. Project #1 Kitchen and punditji room alternation and Project #2 Renovation of dining area (garage), stating she is not in favor of doing patch work such as these projects. Hindu temple should spend on newer larger projects as funds available in future. Asha Jain suggested that major construction related projects need to be discussed in details with extended time frame by board members prior to approving it. Ravinder Aggarwal explained that both above projects were discussed and done as per previous year master plan and was approved by the current board on January 27, 2008 HTA BOD meeting.
12. Paper products and grocery coordination: Dilip Parekh will take in charge of supplies and shopping.

13. Discussion: Devotees requesting puja to be performed by outside pundits: After brief discussion, motion was made by Subhash Arora, that Puja has to be performed by temple pujari in the temple with exception to when temple invites outside pujari for special occasions, and was seconded by Mina Bhagdev. It was carried unanimously.
14. Event coordinators for major event in 2008 and the clarity on the roles of coordinators:
- Puja committee lead: Uma Ramchandra
 - Long range planning lead: Subhash Arora
 - Construction and Maintenance committee lead: Varinder Narang
 - Prasad coordinator lead: Asha Jain
 - Communication coordinator: Ashwani Bakshi
 - Priest coordinator: Varinder Narang
 - Cultural committee lead: Govind Satpathy
 - Youth activities lead: Mina Bhagdev
- Dilip Parikh has accepted the ownership for paper the products and other supplies and Jitendra Kabra has accepted responsibility for maintaining the notice board.
All the chair persons to provide names of co chairs and the committee members for their respective committees to post on the web as well as the notice board.
15. Other items: Not discussed in the meeting due to time limit.
16. Subhash Arora made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Mina Bhagdev. The meeting adjourned at 5.30 PM.