

## **Minutes of the BOD of HTA meeting held on March 30, 2008**

**Present:** Ravi Aggarwal, Subhash Arora, Anil Gupta, Prakash Sahoo, Desh Ahuja, Krishna Paliwal (over the phone), Uma Ramchandra, Asha Jain and Vasu Atluri.

**Absent:** Deepak Malhotra, Mina Bhagdev, Govind Sathpathy, Ashwani Bakshi, Dilip Parekh and Asha Thakur.

**Others:** Varinder Narang, Nirmala Chhibber, and Purna and Ranu Mishra (part of the time)

**Agenda:** Attached

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

The agenda was modified to add the following 1 item by the board members.

- Update on current mortgage.
1. Approval of the agenda: Motion was made by Subhash Arora to accept the agenda and was seconded by Desh Ahuja. It was carried unanimously.
  2. Approval of the minutes of the meeting held on February 24, 2008: Motion was made by Asha Jain to approve the minutes and was seconded by Subhash Arora. It was carried unanimously.
  3. Follow up from last meeting:
    - Anil Gupta to explore and find out why water bill high.(not done)
    - Ravinder Aggarwal to contact insurance company regarding damage to murtis and mandap during shipment. (not done)
    - Asha Jain will find different refinance options to current mortgage. (done)
    - Asha Jain will take lead in finding volunteers for cooking prasad. (on going)
    - Asha Jain will take lead with parking lot upgrade project with help from construction committee to come up with a plan and accurate cost of the project. (not done)
  4. Process of collecting sponsorship money for sponsored events and collection of out standing commitments: Anil Gupta (treasurer) will keep track of sponsorship list of all events and follow up with devotees to collect money/checks as needed. Desh Ahuja will help treasurer with this collection process. He will also create a procedure so that the sponsorship money can be collected easily and at the time of the event. Treasurer can only remove the sponsorship list from the notice board.
  5. Prasad committee update: Asha Jain has already talked to the Gujurati community about preparing prasad for temple, however no positive response from anybody yet. Vasu Atluri suggested he can find some people who will cook the prasad at their home, then temple BOD have to bring cooked prasad from their home to the temple. He also suggested that the temple will have to pay for the prasad cooked by these

volunteers but it was suggested that we should first look for volunteers so that we do not have to pay for cooking prasad. Asha Jain suggested writing the need for cooking sponsorship prasad in the HTAs monthly Valley India advertisement.

6. Construction and maintenance committee update: See spread sheet for detail as written by Varinder Narang (attached). A question was raised by Asha Jain that the new kitchen size was smaller than the current kitchen. Ravi and Krishna Paliwal stated that the new kitchen size was actually bigger than the old kitchen. An action was assigned to Ravi and Varinder to provide sizes of old and new kitchens to the board members. It was also agreed that the dining hall project (in the garage) should be revisited after ensuring that the roof was in a sound state. Varinder was given the action to have a contractor look at the condition of the roof. Varinder Narang will get estimate on replacing both air conditioning units and estimate on remodeling both bathrooms including plumbing.
7. Treasurer Report: The period of February 11 to March 17, 2008 HTA bank balance \$71751.57. During this period donation collected for the amount of \$14512.00 and expenditure total \$7456.00.
8. Puja committee update: Subhash Arora and Ashwani Bakshi will coordinate Ram Navami and Hanuman Jayanti with help from Uma Ramchandra. Motion was made by Uma Ramchandra to celebrate Ram Vivah event along with temple anniversary on June 22, 2008 and was seconded by Subhash Arora. It was carried unanimously.
9. Cultural committee update: Purna Mishra requested to add AZ orissa link in HTA website to promote Rudrakshya (classical dance) event. Prakash Sahoo or Ravi Aggarwal will contact Jagdish Sharma for this HTA website update.
10. Venkateshwara abaranas and abhishekham, Padmavathi Deity: As per Vasu Atluri abaranas (alanker) has to be installed with Venkateshwara ji along with abhishekham to the main idol. Vasu Atluri and Uma Ramchandra requested having a placement for Goddess Padmavathi's murti inside the main temple area. Ravi Aggarwal will coordinate to set up a meeting with other members of HTA to come up with a plan, on next Saturday (4/5/08) at 11.00 AM.
11. Concerns from Board: Vasu Atluri suggested having a code of conduct in regards to video taping/photography in the temple property. Any video or photography that was done inside the temple property is belong to HTA and has to be returned back to HTA. Vasu Atluri also suggested analyzing all pujas that are done in regular basis and to find out what we are doing is right or wrong and how to improve it. He also suggested posting all HTA meetings minutes and agenda in the notice board every month along with code of conduct regarding video/photography policy.
12. Satyanarayan ji Puja: Mrs Chhibber has been coordinating Satyanarayan ji puja for past six years. At present, except during puja idol of Satyanarayan ji stored inside the closet for the whole month. As per many devotees idol has to be outside in the

mandap all the time not inside the closet. The board was informed that this issue had been discussed in previous board meetings and the decision was made to not place the murti of Shri Satyanarayan Ji on the altar. It was decided, this issue will be discussed at the same time on next Saturday meeting at 11.00 AM.

13. Parking lot entry and exit during major events: not discussed
14. Input from board on youth activities: not discussed
15. Other items: Update on Mortgage: As per Asha Jain, current mortgage rate is 6.81% and by refinancing it we can get 6.50% which will save about \$150 to \$175 a month and it will take about 12 to 14 months to pay of any associated closing cost fee. Subhash Arora asked what would be the rate of interest if HTA don't have to pay any closing cost, Asha Jain will further explore different options and get back to BOD. Subhash Arora thanked Prakash Sahoo for coordinating Holi Utsav. He also thanked Pandit Satyanarayanji's wife and Sarmista Satpathy for preparing food for the event. He also suggested all BOD members to come to the temple on regular basis for all Pujas.
16. Subhash Arora made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Asha Jain. The meeting adjourned at 5.00 PM.