

## Minutes of the BOD of HTA meeting held on May 18, 2008

**Present:** Subhash Arora, Anil Gupta, Prakash Sahoo, Deepak Malhotra, Mina Bhagdev, Ashwani Bakshi, Desh Ahuja (over the phone), Krishna Paliwal (over the phone), Uma Ramchandra (over the phone),

**Absent:** Govind Sathpathy, Dilip Parekh, Asha Jain, Vasu Atluri, Dilip Parekh, Ravinder Aggarwal and Asha Thakur.

**Others:** Varinder Narang (over the phone), Nirmala Chhibber.

**Agenda:** Attached

Meeting was called to order by the President (Ravi Aggarwal) at 2:30 PM.

The agenda was modified to add the following 2 items by the board members.

- Calling spiritual leaders to temple.
  - Desh Ahuja
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 March 30, 2008: Motion was made by Subhash Arora to approve the minutes and was seconded by Desh Ahuja. It was carried unanimously.
  3. Treasurer Report: As of April 2008 HTA bank balance Approx. \$78000.00. In April donation collected for the amount of \$12918.00 and expenditure total \$8446.00.
  4. Follow up from last meeting:
    - Anil Gupta to explore and find out why water bill high. (done) water meter fault.
    - Ravinder Aggarwal to contact insurance company regarding damage to murtis and mandap during shipment. (not 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) It was decided Prakash Sahoo will send an e-mail to Asha Jain regarding parking lot project, if no response from her then it will be submitted to other board member to take responsibility.
  5. Refinance the temple mortgage: Motion was made by Subhash Arora to authorize Ravi Aggarwal and Anil Gupta to sign refinance papers for the second HTA property on behalf of HTA Board. It was seconded by Desh Ahuja and carried unanimously.

6. Construction and maintenance committee update: Varinder Narang received estimate on replacing both air conditioning units, which is around \$10100.00 (installed with extended warranty). HTA Board approved to replace both air conditioning units along with main temple roof at the same time. As per Varinder Narang garage room walls are not in sound condition, replacing garage roof is something to think about. It was suggested Varinder Narang to get an estimate on garage wall and roof replacement cost.
7. Treasurer Report: Update by long range planning committee: As per Subhash Arora, he has not received any feedback from any member on this subject. He will send an e-mail again to all the members and all members are expected to send feedback to him in next two weeks. Board felt that it was important to seek everyone's input to prioritize the tasks for undertaking so as to ensure everyone's commitment and support for various activities. (list attached)
8. Approval of budget and plans for Ram Vivah: Event coordinator: Ravi Aggarwal. Mehndi/Bhajan sangeet on Friday, June 20 and Vivah ceremony on Saturday, June 21. Motion was made by Ashwani Bakshi to approve \$4000.00 for Ram Vivah event to celebrate temple's 8<sup>th</sup> anniversary and was seconded by Krishna Paliwal. It was carried unanimously. Details of approx. expenditure as follows: Invitation cards \$1000, Food \$500, Jewelry and gifts \$500, Tent etc \$800, Flowers \$250, Shuttle service \$500 and Misc. \$500.

Formed the following committees to organize the subject event:

- a. Vivah ceremony committee – Uma Ramchandran;
- b. Deities & inside decoration: Uma Ramchandran;
- c. External temple decorations and lighting etc.: Varinder Narang & Anil Gupta;
- d. Making of the Varmala: Nirmal Chhibber
- e. Barat ceremony: TBD
- f. Receiving party: TBD
- g. Prasad coordination & cooking: Rina Narang (Subhash Arora and Ashwani Bakshi had already volunteered on the sign up sheet
- h. Mehendi: Nirmal Chhibber

Desh and Mohini Ahuja will be out of town from June 18 to 21 but have agreed to help out prior to their departure

9. Houston Music party/Mata Jagaran: Event coordinator: Uma Ramchandra. Mata Jagaran event on Friday, 10 October. Motion was made by Uma Ramchandra to approve \$2000.00 for Mata jagaran/Houston music party event and was seconded by Subhash Arora. It was carried unanimously. Details of approx. expenditure as follows: Air ticket \$1200.00, Misc. \$800.00. Krishna Paliwal will send an e-mail to conform after talking to Houston music party.
10. Procedure for collecting sponsorship funds: Desh Ahuja will provide more information on this in next meeting.
11. HTA sign update: New HTA sign can not be put at the existing place as per city of Scottsdale, however modified HTA sign (granite) can be done at the same site.

12. Satyanarayan ji/Padmavati ji idol: As per Nirmala Chhibber, Satyanarayan ji is Vishnu ji and it can not be place outside of the main temple but in the existing altar. Krishna Paliwal suggested, exploring more information on having Satyanarayan ji and Padmavati ji in Navagrah temple. Temporary location for these idols can be done in main temple up to 12 months. Everybody agreed that, at this time board will not go for temporary solution unless we have a permanent placement. As per Uma Ramchandra, board should give approval in placing both idols temporarily as it was decided in sub committee meeting on April 5, 2008. All agreed to have a separate board meeting on this subject to come up with a solution. Prakash Sahoo will send an e-mail to set up meeting date and time.
13. Rath Yatra: Event coordinator: Prakash Sahoo and Subhash Arora. Approximate budget is between \$1500 to \$1700. Prakash will provide details of expenditure in next meeting for board approval.
14. Rudrakshya financial outcome: Anil Gupta reported temple made \$1668 after all expenses paid and made approx. \$411 from food selling. Total income for temple \$2079.00
15. Other items: Calling spiritual leaders to temple: Ashwani Bakshi suggested calling spiritual leaders to the temple for different occasions, everybody agreed to that. Desh Ahuja requested to withdraw his resignation, board agreed to accept his request and thanked him for his continues support.
16. Closure: Subhash Arora made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Mina Bhagdev. The meeting adjourned at 5.30 PM.