

Minutes of the BOD of HTA meeting held on September 21, 2008

Present: Prakash Sahoo, Mina Bhagdev, Uma Ramchandra, Dilip Parekh, Asha Jain, Ashwani Bakshi, Subhash Arora, Anil Gupta, Govind Sathpathy and Ravinder Aggarwal

Absent: Vasu Atluri, Asha Thakur, Deepak Malhotra, Krishna Paliwal and Desh Ahuja

Others: Varinder Narang (part of the meeting)

Agenda: Attached

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

1. Approval of the agenda: Motion was made by Ravinder Aggarwal to accept the agenda with exception to item number 2 and was seconded by Subhash Arora. It was carried unanimously.
2. Approval of the minutes of the meeting held on August 13, 2008: Not discussed as recorded meeting minutes not available at the time of meeting.
3. Follow up from last meeting: Priest role in preparing puja hall (resolved): This will be added to new contract under roles and responsibility. Outside puja and dakshina guidelines (not resolved): Ravinder Aggarwal will send e-mail this week updating board on its progress. Follow up from last meeting: Priest role in preparing puja hall (resolved): This will be added to new contract under roles and responsibility. Outside puja and dakshina guidelines (not resolved): Ravinder Aggarwal will send e-mail this week updating board on its progress. Ravi Aggarwal also stated that the contracts of both the priests are up for renewal. Uma Ramchandra was requested to submit the recommendations of the puja committee regarding renewal of the priests' contracts to the board after Puja committee meeting on 9/28/08
4. Resignation of Krishna Paliwal and his replacement: Motion was made by Govind Sathpathy to accept the resignation of Krishna Paliwal from the HTA board and was seconded by Ravinder Aggarwal. It was carried unanimously. Prakash Sahoo will send a thank you letter to Mr and Mrs Paliwal for their ongoing support and contribution to HTA.
5. Construction and maintenance committee update: As per Ravinder Aggarwal, air conditioning work done in new kitchen and dining room. Electrical work is done inside the new dining room. Prakash Sahoo suggested adding an extra light point exterior wall of the new dining room building. New dining room will be ready for use by end of the September month. Uma Ramchandra suggested naming new dining building as "**Annapura hall**".

6. Offer by the Jalaram group to build the back room and to other construction to expand the puja hall: Everybody agreed that as Jalaram group is going to help financially in expanding current puja hall by providing free labor (HTA still has to pay for the materials), HTA should give priority to this project. Motion was made by Mina Bhagdev to approve the project of extending current puja hall by removing the wall. Ravi Aggarwal made an amendment to the motion and stated that the board should approve the project for extending the puja hall with following amendments.
 - A) A complete sets of plans that show what the final design of the back room would like (kitchen, ceiling, floor columns to support the beam etc) must be completed prior to start of the work.
 - B) Defining various phases in which various activities will be completed.
 - C) City of Scottsdale permission must be taken before any work can be started. Plans prepared in 'A' above can be used for this purpose.
 - D) Cost estimate for the entire project (and each phase) must be obtained and board must approve the expenditure so that work can be finished in case the volunteer group can not finish the work because of unforeseen circumstances.

The motion was seconded by Dilip Parekh and was carried unanimously. Dilip Parekh will talk to the Navin Kuber (Jalaram group) and will get city approval information for the project in two weeks.

7. Treasurer report: HTA bank balance as of 9/20/08 is \$49715. August monthly income \$16103 and expenditure \$28425. As per Ashwani Bakshi, HTA does not pay property tax. Anil Gupta will contact city tax office for refund with help from Ashwani Bakshi.

8. Puja committee update:

Navaratra and Ramayan recital, Sept 30 to Oct 9:	Daily
Event coordinator Ashwani Bakshi	
Jalaram bhajan Mandli, Oct 2 (Thursday):	6 – 9 PM
Durga Hawan, Oct 5 (Sunday):	9 – 11 AM
Event coordinator Ashwani Bakshi and Uma Ramchandra	
Durga Mata Ashtami Puja, Oct 7 (Tuesday):	7 – 9 PM
Event coordinator Ashwani Bakshi and Uma Ramchandra	
Vijya Dashmi (Dushera), Oct 9 (Thursday):	7 – 9 PM
Burning of the Ravan's effigy at 8.00 pm	
Event coordinator Prakash Sahoo	
Shri Ram Katha, Oct 12 (Sunday) – Oct 18 (Saturday)	
by Swami Dr. Ram Kamal Das Vedanti ji Maharaj:	Daily hours
Event coordinator Ravinder Aggarwal and Asha Jain	

- Sunday 4 – 8 PM
- Monday 7 – 9 PM
- Tuesday 7 – 9 PM
- Wednesday 7 – 9 PM
- Thursday 7 – 9 PM

- Friday 6:30 – 8:30 PM
- Saturday 10:30 – 2:30 PM (with 30 min break)

Motion was made by Ravinder Aggarwal to give \$1001.00 to Swami Dr Ram Kamal Das on behalf of HTA and was seconded by Asha Jain. It was carried unanimously.

Satyanarayan puja Oct 14 (Tuesday): 5:30 – 7 PM

Event coordinator Nirmala Chhibber

Karvachauth Oct 17 (Friday): 4 PM+

Event coordinator Uma Ramchandra

Murthi Sthapana Anni. Hawan Oct 19 (Sunday): 8 – 10 AM

Shiv Puran Katha Oct 19 (Sunday) – Oct 21 (Tuesday): Hours

Event coordinator Dilip Parekh

- Sunday 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM
- Monday 7 – 9 PM
- Tuesday 7 – 9 PM

Mata Jagran Oct 25/26 (Saturday/Sunday): Hawan 6 – 7 PM

Jagran 9 PM – 5 AM

Event coordinator Uma Ramchandra and Kamal Kharbanda

Deepawali Puja/Hawan Oct 28 (Tuesday): 7 – 9 PM

Event coordinator Subhash Arora

All Tuesday's activities will conclude with reading of Hanuman Chalisa.

9. Upcoming HTA board election: Election date is going to be the first Sunday of the December. HTA current board will finalize the details and will give 30 days notice to the public for upcoming election.
10. Closure: Subhash Arora made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Mina Bhagdev. The meeting adjourned at 5.05 PM. Item number 10, 11, 12 not discussed due to time constraint.