

## Minutes of the BOD of HTA meeting held on December 21, 2008

**Present:** Prakash Sahoo, Subhash Arora, Govind Sathpathy (phone), Ravinder Aggarwal, Ashwani Bakshi, Anil Gupta, Deepak Malhotra (phone) and Vasu Atluri

**Absent:** Asha Thakur, Desh Ahuja, Uma Ramchandra, Dilip Parekh, Asha Jain, Mina Bhagdev and Kamal Kharbanda.

**Others:** Varinder Narang (Phone) part of the meeting, Bhibhuti Panda, Ashok Verma, Ravi Sharma, Jitender Kabra.

**Agenda:** Attached

Meeting was called to order by the President (Ravi Aggarwal) at 2:40 PM

1. Approval of the agenda: Motion was made by Ravinder Aggarwal to accept the agenda and was seconded by Subhash Arora. It was carried unanimously.
2. Approval of the minutes of the meeting held on November 16, 2008: Motion was made by Ravinder Aggarwal to approve the minutes and was seconded by Vasu Atluri. It was carried unanimously.
3. Follow up from last meeting: Property tax refund: (not resolved) HTA may not get back any previously paid tax however once the issue is resolved it don't have to pay any future tax. Ashwani Bakshi will provide details in the next meeting. HTA calendar (resolved): Ravi Aggarwal already in process of ordering the calendar from India. It will cost about \$700 to \$1000 for 700 calendars (size 8 1/2 X 7 1/2) with shipping cost extra. Inventory of all the jewelrys: (not resolved) not discussed.
4. Welcome to new HTA BOD members: Current BOD president Mr Ravinder Aggrwal welcomed all newly and returned elected members by thanking them for their support and dedication. Subhash Arora thanked everyone by adding following statement. He said as we represent the face of the temple, make sure be visible in the temple by doing things for the temple so that other devotees will follow the same. Jitender Kabra requested if every committee members could write down their responsibility and send that to him then he can put it together for future reference.
5. Treasurer report: HTA bank balance as of Dec 20, 08 approx. \$25616.00, Last month hundi collection was \$6600. Anil Gupta estimated that it will cost about \$600.00 to mail tax receipts to devotees in January of 09. It was suggested HTA can e-mail receipts or distribute envelops on Sunday/Tuesdays to save mailing cost. It was also suggested that HTA could send fund raising flyers along with tax receipts for future revenue. Jitender Kabra took lead on preparing a flyer for mailing and Subhash Arora will come up with proper terminology for inactive members, so HTA can eliminate

them from the mailing list. Motion was made by Anil Gupta to approve \$600 for tax receipt mailing cost, and was seconded by Subhash Arora. It was carried unanimously.

6. Construction and maintenance committee update (temple hall extension): Varinder Narang said we should have a better understanding for the project prior to starting it. Ravinder Aggarwal said,
  - Phase I: removals of wall, new puja cleaning room finishing (old kitchen –it will now be smaller) and finish touch work to walls.
  - Phase II: Finishing flooring to match the current flooring.
  - Phase III: Extension of archway.

Total estimated cost for the project is \$5100.00 (material cost \$1100 and labor cost \$4000) At this time volunteers will provide free labor and HTA has to pay for the material cost. For City approval purpose work has to be done by a licensed contractor. Anil Gupta suggested not starting any construction work as HTA bank balance is too low at this time and we should wait until bank balance goes over 40K.

Ravinder Aggarwal made a motion that HTA to have \$45000 bank balance in the bank with \$40000 to be left in the account before we can start construction. If any devotee will donate \$5000 for the project, construction can begin regardless of bank balance. Project has to be signed by a licensed contractor for city approval and was seconded by Anil Gupta. Subhash Arora objected the motion (Voted NO). However, it was over ride by other board members by 1: 6 votes. It was carried out.

7. Puja committee update: Not discussed (Uma Ramchandra absent)
8. Dakshina will now be part of the service fee of all the Pujas: Approved by all the present board members.
9. Punditjis new contract: Approved by all the present board members.
10. Closure: Ravinder Aggarwal made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Vasu Atlury. The meeting adjourned at 5.00 PM.