

Agenda for Meeting of the HTA Board of Directors

Date: Sunday October 4th, 2009

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Present: Asha Jain, Kamal Kharbanda, Subhash Arora, Uma Ramchandra, Dilip Parekh, Bubhuti Panda, Raxha Bhagdev, Srinivas Dasari, Jitendra Kabra, Anil Gupta, Prakash, Sahoo, Ravi Aggarwal

Absent:, Ashok Verma, Kuldip Verma, Desh Ahuja

Guests: Vasu Atluri, Ashok Jain, VarinderNarang

Meeting called to order at 2:16 by Raxha Bhagdev

1. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve: Subhash Arora

Seconded Srinivas Dasari

Carried unanimously

2. Approval of minutes from previous meetings August 9th, 24 and September 6th

August 9th Minutes: Have previously been approved. Prakash to put onto website

August 24th minutes:

Motion to approve: Uma Ramchandra

Seconded: Subhash Arora

Carried Unanimously

September 6th Minutes:

Motion to approve: Bibhuti Panda

Seconded: Dilip Parekh

Carried Unanimously

3. Election of BOD 2010

Subhash Arora: Board need to provide 30 days notice if we want to put notice in next newspaper add and website, we should set date today:

Motion: That HTA holds Annual General Body Meeting and Elections on December 6th, 2009.

Seconded: Jitendra Kabra

Carried Unanimously

We need a chairperson from the Board for the nomination committee.

Motion: Srinivas Dasari to chair the nomination committee, first responsibility is to find 2 committee members to work with.

Proposed by Raxha Bhagdev

Seconded: Kamal Kharbanda

Carried: Unanimously

Communication to be sent out via Valley India Times, mass emails, Temple notice board, Temple website and Temple announcements

Election committee to be decided by first week of November. Asha Jain to Talk to potential election committee members.

4. Calendar 2010:

Work needs to start now on calendar. Process followed last year was: Finalize design, add information about special events, quantity needed, list of sponsors. Once we finalize design, size etc, (takes 1 month) printing etc takes 3-4 weeks with 1.5 weeks shipping.

Motion: Prakasji will Chair the calendar committee Jitendra Kabra and Ravi Aggarwal will be committee members.

Proposed by Subhash Arora

Seconded: Raxha Bhagdev

Carried Unanimously

Motion: A budget of \$2,000 to be set for this project with a quantity of 750 calendars. Proposed Jitendra Kabra

Seconded: Bibhuti Panda

Carried Unanimously

Board agreed to set sponsorship amounts back of 1st page and last page: 250.00 every other page \$100.00

Proposed by Jitendra Kabra

Seconded: Bibhuti Panda

Carried Unanimously

People to approach potential sponsors: Asha Jain, Varinder Narang, Ashwini Bakshi

5. Treasurers Report:

Current balance as of today \$30,541

Total expenses for September \$15, Settled \$2,127 Lazar for work done previously. Money spent on extension of puja hall \$876.00. Misc. Expenses for Balaji Puja \$

Income: 15, 548 last collection on September 19th.

Outstanding loan amount to be repaid to Kamalji by year end.

6. Puja Committee Report

Past: Balaji puja was completed very successfully, Priest both did a fabulous job. It would have been good to see a few more people. Thanks to all the board members that helped with the event. The Balaji subcommittee is officially dissolved as of today.

Present: 3 functions upcoming in October:

- karvachauth on October 7th. Ashaji will coordinate this event but she needs a lot of help. Prasad for that day is going to be a big undertaking. Volunteers for Prasad is Raviji, Subhashji (food coordinator), Ashok Jain
- Diwali on October 17th: Event in temple from 5:00pm- 6:30pm Laxmi puja. Raxha Bhagdev event coordinator. Prasad will include sweets. Raviji will make Gulab Jambu, Kamalji will make Barfi.
- Devotee Appreciation Day: Event coordinator Uma Ramachandra. October 18th in the morning. Everyone who comes with their own Thali will participate in puja

Uma Ramchandra stated that: The enclosure of the Balaji pariwar murtis is not workable. It makes the murtis inaccessible for the priests. The murtis that have had pran pratistha can not be near Padmavati Murti because it has to be accessible to priest but it also has to be away from human proximity. Third we should not have our back to it. Umaji personally feels it is not good, she is not trying to coerce Board but she feels that as Puja committee chair, she can not condone them being there. Uma ji indicated her intent to resign as the Puja committee chair and will send her letter of resignation to the President.

Once the plexiglass enclosure has been modified, the board will be notified and asked for permission to move forward. The priests will then be asked to find auspicious day to move the murtis and then the priests will be responsible for moving the murtis.

Membership Plaque: Ashaji requested that the Board approves \$2000 towards a plaque devoted to members donating \$5000 and above. Ashaji to get further information/drawing to show the Board before we make this decision.

Batukbhai Vyas is coming in early November to do pravachan for 2-3 days. Temple will donate \$151 to him.

Jalaram Jayanti: The 800 or so people expected will be accommodated by placing speakers outside so they can hear the bhajans

Informational item: Vasuji has sent sketches of Navgraha murtis and pedestal with costs for all murtis, pedestals and shipping. Maximum cost \$25,000 maximum for the installation.

7. Update on Fundraising

Keep selling tickets for Anup Jalota.

8. Update of Construction

Motion to approve cost of alarm systems \$25 per to monitor theft alarm: Kamal Kharbanda

Seconded: Jit Kabra

Carried Unanimously

9. Any other business

10. Closure:

Motion: to close meeting at 4:42pm. Raxha Bhagdev

Seconded: Prakash Sahoo

Carried Unanimously