

## HTA Board April 7, 2019 meeting minutes

**Present:** Surendra Singh, Shrinivas Sadachar, Sarmista Satapathy, Rohit Aggarwal, Kulbhushan Chhibber, Sushmita Sahoo, Vaibhvi Pradhan, Jogeshwar Rath, and Rajat Walia (on phone)

**Date and Time:** Sunday, April 7th, 2019. 1:45 PM – 3:25 PM. **Venue:** HTA main hall

The meeting was called to order by Surendra Singh at 1:45 PM

Approval of prior meeting minutes, N/A as Board approved it via email for the final publication

### **Major Topics Discussed and approved by HTA board:**

**Motion #1** – Proposed by- Surendra Singh, Seconded by – Sushmita Sahoo

Surendra Singh made the motion for renovation work for two priest's residence. Board nominated K.L. Chhibber and Malay Biswal as coordinators for this activity. Final budget for this project will be based on the received proposals. The nominated coordinators will define scope of the project for review of board EC and Surendra Singh for final decisions.

The motion was approved by all BOD's present in the meeting. See attached signed sheet.

**Motion #2** – Proposed by- Surendra Singh, Seconded by – Sarmista Satapathy

Surendra Singh made the motion for the surveillance equipment for installing in temple premises and nominating Akshat Sethi, Malay Biswal and Rohit Aggarwal to coordinate this activity. Final decision will be made by jointly board EC, Surendra Singh and coordinators after receiving proposals.

The motion was approved by all BOD's present in the meeting. See attached signed sheet.

**Motion #3** – Proposed by- Surendra Singh, Seconded by – Vaibhavi Pradhan

Surendra Singh made the motion to sponsor "Bollywood Music Program" in 2019 to raise funds and approve \$3000 budget to cover expenses. Program expenses expected to be recovered through profit earned from ticket sales and donations received for the Bollywood program. Malay Biswal and Rohit Aggarwal nominated as coordinators for this program who will closely work with Surendra Singh and others.

The motion was approved by all BOD's present in the meeting. See attached signed sheet.

**Motion #4** – Proposed by- Surendra Singh, Seconded by – Rohit Aggarwal

Surendra Singh made the motion for approval of HTA board to celebrate Shri. Hanuman Jayanti on April 18<sup>th</sup>, approve \$250 budget to cover expenses and nominate Jogeshwar Rath, Vaibhavi Pradhan, Ashwani Bakshi and Surendra Singh as program coordinators.

Motion was approved by all BOD's present in the meeting. See attached signed sheet.

**Motion #5** – Proposed by- Surendra Singh, Seconded by – K.L. Chhibber

Surendra Singh made the motion to HTA board to form a four-members search committee for hiring new priest, nominate two board members and two other devotees to serve on the search committee. The committee will work closely with Surendra Singh while down-selecting the candidates. Board requested Surendra Singh to nominate two additional members from the community on the interview board.

The motion was approved by all BOD's present in the meeting. See attached signed sheet.

**Motion #6** – Proposed by- Sarmista, Seconded by – Shrinivas Sadachar.

Sarmista Satapathy made the motion to board to celebrate Shree Jagarnath Puja along with approving a budget of \$1000 to cover expenses. (It will be no cost to temple as expenses are covered by Oriya community.) Sarmista will provide program details to Rohit Aggarwal for newspaper advertisement.

The motion was approved by all BOD's present in the meeting. See attached signed sheet.

**Motion #8** – Proposed by- Surendra Singh, Seconded by – Rohit Aggarwal

Surendra Singh made the motion to HTA board to hire a qualified tax-attorney practicing for non-profit organizations for providing guidance to HTA towards giving credit to prasad donated to HTA by a family or member or trust. This is a legal matter and board wants to take all precautions to avoid any unforeseen issues. Board authorized Surendra Singh to work with a qualified attorney and inform board after any major decisions.

The motion was passed by board with a credit of \$5 per devotees for prasad by all BODs, with one exception - Rajat Walia.

**Motion #9** – Proposed by Surendra Singh and seconded by Vaibhavi Pradhan.

Surendra Singh made the motion HTA board to consider nomination for trustee for HTA that will ensure temple's long -term financial stability and identity. This is very important step for the temple growth and long-term stability; and any unforeseen takeover attempts by any other individual(s) or families or organizations or all.

Board approved the motion and authorized Surendra Singh to hire a qualified attorney who is familiar with trustee's responsibility, and role in the non-profit organizations. This qualified attorney will help in preparing a guideline documents based on existing laws that HTA can use to make right decision in the matter of nominating trustee for the HTA

Board approved the motion with two members abstain - Dr. Jogeshwar Rath and Dr. Rajat

**Financial Report** – Vaibhavi Pradhan (Assistant Treasurer for board presented the financial statement for the board, Total balance as of April 7, 2019 was approx. \$95,500 with all bills paid up to date with one pending bills for approx. \$1000 towards final invoice for front gate).

**Old business** – None

**New Business** – The proposal to change name from Hanuman Jayanti to Hanuman Janmostav” motion is tabled for the next board meeting

**Public participation** – None

**Meeting was adjourned** at 3:25 by Surendra Singh and seconded by Rohit Aggarwal.