

Hindu Temple Of Arizona

Minutes Of December 6, 2020 HTA Annual General Body Meeting and Elections of the Board of Directors (*Zoom-Meeting*)

Held on December 6, 2020 HTA, Time: 11:00AM

Agenda:

- Quorum Counting -election chair 11:15AM
 - (Our needed quorum is 20)
- Secretary's Opening remarks 11:20AM
- President's report 11:30AM
- Annual Financial report by Treasurer 11:40AM
- Approval of the financial report
- Q/A 11:50AM
- Nomination Committee Report 12:00 Noon
- Election Officer's procedure 12:05PM
 - Election process
 - Q/A
 - Vote counting
- Meeting adjourn 1:00PM or sooner

Minutes:

Surinder Tuli, Secretary started the meeting at 11:00AM Sharp, and informed the members that we will start the meeting as soon as the quorum is reached. Our Election chair will announce the Quorum. In the meanwhile, he requested Kamal Ji and her Bhajan Mandli to sing some bajans.

At 11:15AM, the election committee chair announced all the members of his Team Ravinder Aggarwal, Rohit Aggarwal and Sunil Garg. He informed the members that they should send their names and their email in the chat box.

At this time one of the members asked the election chair that did he know that he was a witness in a case that is going on, before he accepted the role of election chair? To which the Election chair replied that he has never been informed that he has been named as a witness in any case. Dr. Pradhan informed all members that this is not part of the agenda and we stick to the agenda only. Another member (a past secretary) wanted to know why we can't discuss this issue giving an example that he was forced to read an attorney letter in last AGM. Another past president drew attention to the difference between the two issues and explained why we should not entertain it any more.

At this time Secretary suggested let us move to the agenda, requested the Election chair to confirm the quorum-Mr. Aggarwal confirmed that we have 48 families represented and OK to proceed.

The secretary informed the members that due to the Covid 19 starting in March 2020, we have been following State and CDC guidelines at the Temple. The board decided to conduct the AGM and Elections on Zoom and not skip the AGM/elections. We are using Zoom for such a big task for first time, so please be considerate. This meeting will be recorded.

He read the some rules that will be followed during the meeting:

1. Mr. Rohit Aggarwal is our Zoom coordinator, if you have a question use chat option available on Zoom and send your question to Rohit. If you have a question please click on the raise hand/or request in the chat box. Everyone will be given opportunity depending time permitting.
2. In order for the meeting to proceed
 - a. Everyone to use their real name to identify their identity.
 - b. Keep your video on and don't turn it off.
3. One person speaks at a time; let the person speaking finish their thought. Please don't interrupt the person who is speaking.
4. If it's your turn to speak please be precise and stay to the point.

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The Secretary updated that the 2020 board has incorporated all the changes to the Bye laws approved in the last AGM held on September 23, 2019. The new Byelaws are posted on the Website. All the minutes of the meeting held during 2020, are also posted on the HTA website. Bundle of thanks to Mr. Ramchandra Ji for his help in documenting all the changes to the bye laws.

Secretary invited Vaibhavi Ji to give President's report.

Dr. Pradhan thanked all the members for attending the meeting. She stated that the board started with very ambitious plans for the new projects, such as renovation of kitchen and improving our Temple facility to serve the community. All the planning began in February, however, the COVID-19 Pandemic- a vicious virus, put us on hold. Due to the lockdown, our Temple had to be closed, however, since our Pandit ji's apartment on temple premises, so he could do everyday's rituals, such as Pooja and Aarti. To have a Priest's residence at the temple is a great thing. Vaibhavi Ji thanked the Founder Members and all past presidents and their Board members for their vision to have priest accommodation on Temple premises.

We had to postpone our projects, however, in the face of adversity, the Board found an opportunity. We changed, we adapted new Technology and with Zoom we resumed our Regular Hanumanji's Pooja, Satyanarayan ji Pooja and Mata Jagran. This has become our new normal; we have started Sunday poojas, thanks to our Technology team.

Some of the major accomplishments are:

1. We finished Parikarma project.
2. There were two large trees, which were damaging the Temple's foundation. We removed them and improved the appearance of South entrance
3. We installed security cameras.
4. This is the first time we celebrated Navratre ustav at the Temple. Every night we did Havan puja. In the morning we did Durga Pooja and Aarti. Thank you to all sponsors, we generated good funds for the Temple.
5. We appointed new Pandit ji who is a graduate of Maharishi Vedic College. He was also a professor there. He is invaluable asset to the Temple.
6. We renovated both the Priest's apartments.
7. Due to the generosity of our devotees and good money management we remain a float. We have \$100,000.00 in our savings account.
8. We reconstructed our mortgage and reduced the mortgage rate. Now we are saving \$250.00 per month. I want to thank a volunteer who helped us to do all paperwork for the Bank.
9. We received \$7500.00 forgiveness loan (possible).
10. \$25000.00 grant from Maricopa County. This application filing and paperwork was a very tedious job. We spent hours to fill out the application. And again a volunteer stepped in and helped us. Thank you.
11. The funds for the kitchen project are in our Special Project account to be used by next Board.

Vaibhavi Ji expressed thanks to the existing board for all the accomplishments and expressed sincere desire to work with the new board. She also thanked all volunteers, Pooja coordinators and devotees, and finally thanks to our both Pandit ji for their spiritual guidance. Thank you and wishing good luck to the next Board.

Treasurer's Report:

Mr. Chander Sethi presented Treasurer's report. He discussed the opening balance on Jan 1, 2020 and closing balance as of Nov. 30, 2020. He highlighted that we got a grant of \$25K from Maricopa county. He also apprised everyone that we got \$7,500 we are *applying to Fed agency to explore if this loan can be converted into grant.*

After the treasurer report presentation, Mr. Sethi asked if there was any question- no questions from floor.

Mr. Sadachar appreciated the efforts of the current Board to receive the Grant from City of Phoenix.

A Motion was made by the treasure to approve the financial report, seconded by Surinder Tuli and Vaibhavi Pradhan. Motion was approved unanimously.

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Treasurer Report for the period of January 2020 to o Nov 30, 2020			
Opening Bank Balance as of January 1st 2020			\$116,256
Total Donation received during Jan to Nov 2020			\$173,929
Expenses			\$125,934
	Mortgage Loan payments	\$36,056	
	Payroll related Expenses	\$36,121	
	Other Expenses	\$16,580	
	Utility Expenses	\$16,144	
	Cleaning and Landscaping	\$11,246	
	Project Expenses	\$9,787	
Closing Bank balance as of November 30th 2020			\$164,250
Liability- Mortgage loan as of November 30th 2020			\$221,183

Nomination Committee Report:

Mr. Chander Sethi and his team consisting of Ashwani Bakshi Presented six nominations, three new members and three returning board members. Due to Covid 19, and since the meeting was being conducted via members were already advised that there will be no floor nomination.

Election Officer's Procedural Remarks:

Election officer introduced his team- Rohit Aggarwal, Sunil Garg and Ravinder Aggarwal (Election chair). He informed the members that they should send the names and their email in the chat box. The quorum required to start the meeting was 20, there were 48 people present, the minimum Quorum was met and hence he proceeded to the election.

Since there were only six open slots and there were only six candidates applying for BOD position. Hence they were declared winners

The Election Chair advised that all the newly elected members are for two years.

EAST ZONE (TWO OPENINGS, VOTE FOR ONLY 2 CANDIDATES IN THIS ZONE)	
1	GAURAV SHARMA
2	UTTAM BEHERA

WEST ZONE (TWO OPENINGS , VOTE FOR ONLY 2 CANDIDATES IN THIS ZONE)	
1	DR HARNATH SINGH
2	BALA ANGRISH

NORTH ZONE(ONE OPENING, VOTE FOR ONLY 1CANDIDATE IN THIS ZONE)	
1	ASHOK VERMA

SOUTH ZONE(ONE OPENING, VOTE FOR ONLY 1 CANDIDATE IN THIS ZONE)	
1	SANDEEP AGARWAL

The President Vaibhavi Ji thanked all the members for attending the AGM and Election meeting.

The secretary asked if there was any question for the last time. There were no questions and he adjourned at 12:05PM