

Hindu Temple Of Arizona

Minute of Board of Directors Meeting

Held on January 26, 2020, Time: 1:30PM- 3:30 PM

Agenda:

Quorum count

Secretary's opening remarks

Meeting Chair: Vaibhavi Pradhan

- 1) Kitchen Renovation- Manju Sharma and Purnima Sharma
- 2) Annapurna Hall Repair - Surender Khurana
- 3) Termite treatment for the temple premises
Budget \$ 1000.00
- 4) Shivratri - Feb 21st, 2020 **(CLOSED)**
Chair person Uma Ramchandra, Committee Rina Narang
- 5) Swamiji's visit from Orissa (Odisha) -No cost to the temple **(CLOSED)**
Second Sunday February or March - Uttam Behera
- 6) Donation Entries, Hundi collection, deposits - Chander Sethi **(CLOSED)**
- 7) Email correspondence to devotees twice a month- Uttam Behera
- 8) Mr. Sharma's immigration status
New priest -Vaibhavi and Punit Garg
- 9) General items,
 - a) Tuesday's Puja :- change of time Purnima Sharma **(CLOSED)**
 - b) Received emails from local businesses for promoting products Vaibhavi **(CLOSED)**
- 10) Puja committee Uma Ramchandra

Minutes:

Meeting started at 1:30PM Sharp.

Attendees: Ashok Verma, Chander Sethi, Dr. Harnett Singh, Manju Sharma, Punit Garg, Purnima Sharma, Uma Ramchandra, Uttam Behra, Dr. Vaibhavi Pradhan and Surinder Tuli and Rina Narang Ji as observer.

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Secretary's Opening remarks: Surinder thanked everyone for attending the meeting, also reminded board members of the norms of the meeting:

1. Respect all the Board members.
2. One person speaks at a time, let the person speaking finish their thought.
3. Don't interrupt the person who is talking.
4. Everyone has equal right/opportunity to speak/participate.
5. If it's your turn to speak please be precise and stay to the point.

Vaibhvi ji presided over the meeting from here on:

1. Kitchen Renovation:

Purnima and Manju Ji presented a plan for the renovation of the Kitchen; the budget presented was ~\$62K. Manju ji and Purnima Ji are planning to raise funds to complete the project. The plans include: extending the kitchen and Annapurna hall and merging the area in between kitchen and Annapurna hall. We may need to take permission from the city in order to extend both the halls. Also It was not clear if the contractor would cover the walk area from the Temple to Annapurna hall.

Most of the board members were of the opinion that Manju ji and Purnima Ji create a Scope of Work document and then proceed accordingly. Also it was strongly recommended to get another quote in order to get the best price.

The kitchen renovation will be on agenda next month.

2. Annapurna Hall repair:

Mr. Surinder Khurana is the leader for this project. Due to his inability to attend the meeting the Annapurna Hall agenda was tabled.

3. Termite Treatment of both the Buildings: A budget of \$2000 was approved to get both the buildings treated. Mr. Varinder Narang will lead the project. This was approved unanimously.

4. Shivratri: Uma Ji and Rina ji will take lead for the Shivratri function. A budget of \$1100 was approved. Manju Ji will take lead for the Prasad with her friends. In case she is unable to do so she will let Vaibhavi ji know and second plan with Chander Sethi as leader will be put in place. On Shivratri the Temple will open as usual at 8AM and all/anyone can do the Abhishekam/Archana for \$11, starting at 8AM. The Abhishekam will take place in the evening. -Pramukh Sponsor \$501, Grand Sponsor \$251, General Sponsor \$101, Abhishekam \$11
Parking will be taken care by Chander ji and Uttam ji.
Surinder will call Scottsdale police if they will give us any help.
All Shivratri details were approved unanimously. **(CLOSED)**

5. Swami Ji Visit on March 15 Uttam ji apprised that a Swami Ji is coming to the Temple on March 15. He will give some cultural lecture on Lord Jaganath. This is ZERO cost to the Temple. Only request by Uttam ji was for Vaibhavi ji to be present and receive swami ji and party. This was approved unanimously. **(CLOSED)**

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6. Donation collections/ Hundi etc. Chander ji is taking full charge. There was a recommendation to buy a laser printer/scanner to scan all the donation checks and keep on a drive.

A budget of \$200 was approved to buy the printer/scanner.

This was approved unanimously. **(CLOSED)**

7. Email Correspondence to Devotees: Uttam ji will work with Rohit Aggarwal and get the HTA distribution list and will update it with new devotee emails (the notebook for this purpose at the temple on top of Hundi).

8. Mr. Sharma (priest) status is in waiting at this time. Temporary priest is filling when Satyanarain Ji is out of country.

In the meanwhile Punit and Vaibhavi Ji will explore looking for a new priest.

9. Tuseday Puja time change was discussed. The pros and cons were discussed. At the end it was decided to keep the Puja time as it is. **(CLOSED)**

Emails from local Businesses: Discounted Paper Products etc: Some local company approached president to supply paper products at discounted rates to the temple. It was discussed that since we get the Paper and products as donation from a devotee, so it will not be a good idea to go with anyone else and pay for it. **(CLOSED)**

Sewa Foundation wants to hold Yoga classes at the temple in Annapurna hall at 6AM on Sunday. Question was raised who will open the hall at that time. The issue was tabled until the Annapurna hall is renovated.

10. Puja Committee: Uma Ji emphasized that board decides on the sponsorship amount for Puja. Board already has fixed sponsorship amount for Shivratri and for Janam asthma -Pramukh Sponsor \$501, Grand Sponsor \$251, General Sponsor \$101, Abhishekam \$11
Uma ji also recommended having Ramayana path during navratre. We need to find a leader for Ramayana Path during Navratre.

Uma ji also mentioned about the light bulbs, which are not functional in few places, especially in Navagraha area where- Also, needed painting touch to cover few black spots.

Uma Ji also suggested of having Tulasi Vrindavan and a Pátio around it just outside the Temple back door. The Bushes in the area will need to be cleaned .

General: Surinder apprised that Mr. Ramchandra has agreed to give a lecture/presentation to all board members on HTA constitution and bylaws.

Board has recommended holding next meeting on February 23, and dedicating first one hour to get educated on HTA constitution and bylaws from Mr. Ramchandra.

Vaibhavi ji adjourned the meeting at 3:30PM