

Minutes of meeting held on 4/4/21

Following were present in the meeting:

Dr. Vaibhavi Pradhan, Dr. Harnath Singh, Chander Sethi, Ravinder Aggarwal, Punit Garg, Surinder Tuli, Gaurav Sharma, Kamal Minocha, Surinder Khurana (joined late), Ashok Verma, Meenakshi Verma (joined late).

Meeting started at 1:35 PM after the quorum was reached.

Agenda item 1: Approval of the agenda

Ravinder Aggarwal (RA) asked the board members if anybody wanted to add any item to the published agenda. No additions were made. RA then asked the board to approve the agenda. The agenda was approved unanimously. Proposed by RA, seconded by HS.

Dr Harnath Singh (HS) and Dr Vaibhavi Pradhan mentioned that they would like to share some information with the board and devotee feedback but can do that at the end of the meeting as part of agenda item 9 (Misc items).

Agenda item 2: Mahashivratri feedback

Members of the board provided feedback on the event

- a) Generally a very successful event. Some people brought their own offerings for Abhishek. There should be a sign stating only temple provided items will be used.
- b) Need to look into another payment system as the tablet was being used for Zooming the events.
- c) Appx 19K was collected. Average collection per month is \$ 8-9K. Not all donations have been recd yet. Overall a very good collection. Can people pay using Zelle?
- d) Can do a better job of scheduling. Need to get more volunteers.
- e) Need to complete registration for donations at Intel. Get Gaurav Sharma in touch with Rohit Aggarwal.
- f) One devotee sent an e mail regarding his experience on Mahashivratri. Use inputs for better experiences by devotees in future.

Agenda item 3: Pandit Ji's visa status:

RA informed the board members that new pandit Ji's R1 visa had been approved till Oct 2022. He also mentioned that based on inputs from the attorney it takes up to 20 months for the green card petition to be approved and the petition must be approved before the expiry of the R1 visa otherwise pandit ji will have to leave the country.

RA proposed that the temple should file green card application for pandit ji. Inputs were taken from all board members present and everybody was in favor of applying. Appx cost for the green card process will be \$3000-\$3500.

Motion to apply for a green card for Pandit Venkata Ji was proposed by RA and seconded by PG. All present voted in favor of the motion and the motion was carried unanimously.

RA will contact the attorney and get the process started.

Agenda item 4: Mortgage free HTA-Proposal by Chander Sethi

Chander Sethi provided general details about the mortgage payment.

Interest paid in 2019 --\$ 19K

Interest in 2020 \$ 11K

Appx loan balance \$ 210 K

Monthly payment Appx \$ 3000

CS suggested that we should pay off the mortgage balance using interest free loans or donations and use the money that we pay for monthly mortgage payments to gradually payoff the loan from devotees.

HTA has enough balance to pay \$ 90 K of the loan balance and the rest can be collected as interest free loan and donations. All present were in favor of this drive.

A committee was formed for this drive.

Dr Harnath Singh Chair person

Ravinder Aggarwal Member

Gaurav Sharma Member

Chander Sethi Member

RA will draft a letter to be sent to the devotees in this regard.

Agenda item 5—Charges by the accounting firm , \$ 50 PM

CS explained that previously the accounting firm was not charging HTA anything for the services but the ownership changed sometime back and now HTA will have to pay \$ 50 every month for the services provided by the accounting firm. The payment of \$ 50 PM was approved by all present.

PG asked for a list of services provided by the accounting firm.

CS will send a list of services provided by the accounting firm to all board members.

Agenda item 6:--Do we need the big garbage container—RA

RA informed the board that we are currently paying appx \$ 100 PM for the big trash container. Since we are not serving Prasad at the temple the volume of trash is lower and it may be possible to just use small trash can.

There was a concern that there may be a fee to re install the big trash can later.

RA to contact the city and find out the details of removing/reinstalling the big trash container and see if there is any financial burden on HTA.

Agenda item 7: Website-Tab for flirs/calendrs/ souvenirs etc--RA

RA suggested that we should have a tab on the HTA website where we can keep important information as stated in the Agenda item above. Having this information available would help in easy access for all current and historical events. He suggested that we should also have a tab for special events where the info about any temple special event can be loaded and devotees can refer to that for more/detailed information about the special event.

It was proposed to have a virtual meeting and also involve Rohit Aggawal in that meeting as he is helping HTA with fliers etc.

RA to set up the virtual meeting

Agenda item 8—Hanuman Jayanti –Budget and co ordinator

Hanuman Jayanti will be celebrated on July 26th. On this occasion 108 Hanuman Chalisas will be recited in the temple. Event will also be available on Zoom for devotees to hear the chantings but there will be no reciting over Zoom. Satyanarayan Ji's puja is also on the same day and will be started at 6:30 PM.

Meenakshi Bajaj will confirm later if she can prepare the Prasad. PG also suggested that we should serve laddoos Prasad starting in the morning.

PG to contact Pandit Ji's wife to make 500 Laddoos ands make 250 bags.

Mennakshi Verma to confirm if she can make the boxed Prasad.

Ashwani Bakshi will be the event co ordinator for Hanuman Jayanti.

Ad will be placed in the paper.

Agenda item 9—Misc items

Following Inputs have been recd from various devotes:

- 1) AC in kitchen is not functioning. **Surinder Khurana to get it checked.**
- 2) There are a lot of groceries lying in the temple. PG to check if we can donate them somewhere.

- 3)** Temple should start serving Prasad on Tuesdays/Sundays—should we cook in the temple.
During discussions it was mentioned that in the past it was difficult to find volunteers to cook Prasad on a regular basis and pandit Ji's wife was requested to cook Prasad on Tuesdays. She was given a nominal dakshina for this help. **PG to look into the matter and inform the board.**
- 4)** Annual report was not filed last year with AZCC and the status of HTA has been temporarily changed to "pending". **RA to look into this matter and file a report and update all information in AZCC records.**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was proposed by RA and seconded by Dr Harnath Singh. Meeting was adjourned at 3:25 PM.