

Minutes of meeting held on 05/05/2024

Attendees: Rohit Aggarwal, Gaurav Sharma, Rahul Bansal, Kulbhushan Chhibber, Purnima Sharma, Beena Singh, Menakshi Verma, Manjeet Walia, Trinath Naik

Meeting Start Time: Quorum meet, and meeting started at 10:00AM.

Agenda items:

1. Approval of meeting minutes from Feb 11th. There was a meeting happened on March 16th. In that meeting we only discussed building design and thus have not put together formal meeting minutes.
2. Swami Vedanti Ji's pravachan.
3. Update on new building project (Purnima Ji)
4. Boxed food (Purnima Ji)
5. Jagannatha Yatra (Trinath Ji).
6. Security Project (Rohit/Ravi Aggarwal Ji)
7. Data entry for donations (Ravi Ji)
8. Blanket approval for Maintenance (Ravi Ji)
9. Weekday Temple Pooja Timings (Manjeet Walia ji/Rahul)
10. Quarterly Financial report (Chhibber Ji/Uttam Ji)
11. Venkat Pandit Contract update (Rohit)

Discussion/Motions:

1. Rohit made motion to approve Meeting minutes for Feb11th. Approved by all present board members. Seconded by Trinath Ji.
2. Swami Vedanti Ji's pravachan will be scheduled for September 4 – September 6th from 7Pm – 8Pm. Donation of \$500 + One way Airfare will be paid to Swami ji. For the donation and airfare sponsorship's will be sought.
3. Purnima ji provided the update that Architecture had a preliminary meeting to review the plan with the city officials. They had some questions and thus Architecture is working on preparing the response before final submission.
4. Boxed food agenda item tabled for future.
5. Jagannatha yatra scheduled for July 7th. Trinath ji is working with city to get the permit and working with police department to have escort. Trinath ji made the motion to approve the expenses for \$1500 for Rath Yatra. All present board members approved and seconded by Rahul ji.
6. Rohit provided the update on the security grant project. Projects related to Fence, installing security doors, installing security films on doors and windows, installing bollards planters have been completed. Projects related to installing lights and cameras is progress. So far amount of \$24,539 have been reimbursed by AZDHS.
7. We need to enter the donations received by Zelle, Square, PayPal, cash and check in the donation system. Due to unavailability of resources not able to do it. Proposal is to find volunteers to do the data entry and Gaurav Ji will work with Uttam ji to find if any of these payment methods can be integrated with the donation system.
8. There was a discussion to have a blanket approval for the fixed amount of \$1500 - \$2000 to use in the event of emergency maintenance as it's hard to get the quorum for the approval of the amount in timely manner. There was no consensus thus no decision was made. Board will evaluate any future incidents and reconsider it.
9. There was a discussion to change the timings of the temple to attract more devotees on the Saturday and Sunday and devotees with kids on regular weekdays poojas. Rahul ji proposed the motion:

- a. to open the temple whole day on Saturday and Sunday.
- b. close the temple everyday 8:30Pm from Monday to Sunday except for any major events e.g. Krishna Janmashtami, Shivratri etc.

All present board members approved the idea with the condition that formal schedule will be prepared for the morning and evening shifts making sure pundit hours don't exceed more than 40 hours a week. Rohit will work on preparing the schedule and share with the board for the approval. Manjeet Wallia and Chhibber ji second it. Once the actual hours get approved then will be communicated to Puja coordinators and Pundits.

10. Discussion was done for generating the financial report every quarter. Trinath ji will work with Uttam ji and Chander ji.
11. Venkata Pundit Ji's contract has been renewed till 12/31/2025 and has been accepted by him.
12. HTA will organize the Hariyali Teej celebration either on August 10th or August 17th. Chhibber ji will inquire about the availability of Ekta Temple hall for these dates.
13. HTA will celebrate the Ganpati festival from September 7th till 17th. Details are TBD yet.

Meeting adjourned: Meeting adjourned at 11:30 AM.