

Minutes for the BOD of HTA meeting held on March 8, 2009

Present: Prakash Sahoo, Subhash Arora, Anil Gupta (2:45 pm), Asha Jain, Bhibhuti Panda, Ashok Verma, Jitender Kabra, Desh Ahuja, and Uma Ramachandra

Absent: Kamal Kharbandha, Vasu Atluri, Dilip Parekh, and Mina Bhagdev, Ravi Aggarwal

Meeting was called to order by the secretary (Ashok Verma) by permission of the board at 2:05 PM

1. Approval of agenda: Motion was made by Prakash Sahoo to accept the agenda and was seconded by Desh Ahuja. It was carried unanimously.
2. HTA (BOD) meeting first Sunday of every month: All Temple Member are welcome to attend Board Meetings. Discussion about planning of activities for the month of March. Topics included opening the BOD meetings to the public, as well as posting the minutes for the meetings 8-10 days in advance on bulletin board. Meeting area was discussed, such as old/new kitchen areas or alternative area. The idea of having the meetings in the new dining hall was dropped. Temple members serving on sub-committees and whose input is required should be invited to meetings.
3. Pundit Situation: In order to demonstrate appreciation for the pundit, Subhash Arora suggested that the temple provide \$151 as a token for his great services. This was seconded by Asha Jain. Situation regarding four different pundits were discussed (Mr. Chatruvedi, Mr. Abey Kumar, Mr. Kamleshwar Sharma, Mr. Sharma). Mr. Abey Kumar would like a permanent position. Mr. K. Sharma is here only for a temporary basis. Mr. Sharma would like a working visa. The situation about regarding the temporary/permanent role of the pundit was discussed. There was also discussion about having Mr. Abey Kumar come visit after March 16, 2009, and R-1 visa situation.
4. Pooja and Prashad: Discussion mostly carried by Uma Ramachandra. She presented a list of programs for the first and second Sundays of the month, and sent all the board members emails regarding the programs. She also mentioned the coordination of temple actives and the event coordinator. Basic rules for the devotees to follow were discussed (see list). Handicap parking was discussed. Ashwani Bakshi in charge of coordinating upcoming events, such as Ram Noami and Hanuman Jayanti (falls on April 9th). Jit Kabra to provide volunteers for the above activites. Acharya Ji and Kiran Kumar will be here on April 3rd for pravachans and matajagran (7-9 PM). Other poojas, such as Bala Ji, Kalyan Ustav, Vishnu Pooja, and Samuhik Satyanarayan Pooja (falls on October 7th). Asha Ji, Ashwani Ji, and Jit Ji will also help in the coordination of Ram Noami and Mata Jagran. Holi function is to be coordinated by Prakash Sahoo. Food was also discussed for these events. The following food options were discussed: idli sambar, chole bhutare, bhel puri, and regular puris. These food options are to be handled by Uma Ji, Ashwani Ji, and Patel Ji. Additionally, cultural programs were discussed, such as dance by Divya and other kids, vendor activities, and other cultural programs.
5. Wall removal (to be discussed in the next meeting)

6. Approval of funds for drainage system: \$3000 drainage fund was motioned by Asha Ji and seconded by Prakash Sahoo.
7. Monthly income and expenditure report: Expenses for January were \$8,640. Expenses for February were \$9,686. \$1,822 was spent on HTA calendars (from last year). As of today, the balance is \$52,542. Twenty-percent of the balance will go towards paying off contributors.
8. January 18, 2009 meeting: This meeting was presented by Prakash Sahoo, motioned by Subhash Arora, and seconded by Asha Jain. Motion was approved by the board. The February meeting minutes need some corrections and will be presented in the next meeting for approval.