

Minutes of HTA Board meeting held on 11/6/22

Present: Dr Harnath Singh (HS), Ravinder Aggarwal (RA), Chander Sethi (CS), Manju Walia (MW), Dilip Chakravarty (DC), Menakshi Verma (MV), Kamal Minocha (KM). Gaurav Sharma (GS), Arvind Kumar (AK), Surinder Tuli (ST), Uttam Behra (UB)

Meeting started at 9:38 AM after the quorum was reached.

Three additional items were proposed to be added to the agenda under "other items" by HS.

-Formation of an informal advisory board consisting of past presidents to advise the board.

-Creation of the board of trustees .

-Pravachan by Swami Anantacharya Ji.

These items were added to the agenda.

Agenda:

1) Proxies for the AGM:

RA informed the board that as per information provided by the treasurer the quorum requirement for the AGM will be 53 members.

RA suggested that each board member should try to get at least 5 proxies so that the quorum requirements can be satisfied. For counting the quorum a family is counted as one member.

It was suggested that HTA should post on Facebook also about the AGM. RA to ask Rohit Aggarwal to send an email about AGM and attach proxy form to the e mail. Another suggestion was to approach devotees on Tuesday and get some proxies. CS will bring the list to verify eligibility to assign proxy (minimum donation of \$ 500).

2) Nominations:

RA informed the BOD that so far only one nomination had been recd and that was forwarded to the treasurer for verification of eligibility.

RA asked if any of the outgoing board members would like to continue. ST proposed that KM, GS and RA should continue. KM expressed his inability to continue because of work commitments. GS and RA agreed to continue. They will have to fill out the nomination forms.

MW suggested the names of Manju Sharma, Purnima Sharma, Beena Singh and Sushma Bakshi as candidates for the board. She was informed that since HS will still be a board member, Beena Singh will not be eligible. She can be a board member next year. MW confirmed that she had spoken with other candidates whose names she had proposed. She was advised to submit the nomination forms for those candidates. A general comment was made that we will need a lot of help next year from the board members as some of the new projects will start next year. So, it will be better to find candidates who are able to devote time to temple affairs.

General comment was made that there are 6 vacancies for board positions this year.

3) Agenda for AGM:

RA suggested that the board should seek approval of the AGM for two major projects being considered by the board. These include the Shikhar project and the New building project. This item will be included in the agenda for the AGM.

ST suggested that we should send the agenda to members and post the same on the notice board at least 30 days prior to the AGM.

RA will send a draft AGM agenda out today to all board members and they will send any inputs back to the secretary by close of business on 11/8/22. All inputs recd by then will be included to update the agenda. RA will request Rohit Aggarwal to send an e mail with the agenda on Wednesday, 11/9/22. (draft agenda was emailed to the board members by RA after the board meeting).

ST suggested that some corrections to bylaws should also be considered. RA will look into this and if needed will ask the AGM to extend the validity of the proxies so that quorum requirements for bylaws modifications can be satisfied. ST will help RA to identify potential changes for bylaws.

4) Quorum requirements:

Quorum of 53 members is needed to hold the AGM based on information provided by the treasurer.

5) Board of trustees and advisory board:

RA informed the board that the constitution and Bylaws (C&BL) does not have a provision for board of advisors. HS commented that it can be an informal group that can provide inputs to the board for betterment of the temple. However, the suggestions of this board shall be non binding and the HTA board will make the final decision on running of the temple including any new projects. HS will put together a document detailing the details of this advisory board (how many members, selection criteria, term of the members, roles and responsibilities etc) and send it to the board for review.

C&BL has a provision for board of trustees. However, a criteria needs to be defined before such a board can be formed. All board members will send their inputs to the secretary by 11/13/22. The secretary will then compile a document for review and approval by the board. Once approved this document will be presented to the AGM.

6) Pravachan by Swami Anantacharya ji:

After some discussions it was decided that the pravachan should be held on Tuesday, Dec 13th from 7 PM to 9 PM. HS will find out the topic of pravachan and inform the board. HTA will give a donation of \$101 to Swami Ji for 1 day pravachan. HS will be the event co Ordinator for this event.

RA suggested that HTA can do the Chatra sthapna in December after finding a suitable date for the event from pandit ji. All were in favor.

It was agreed to place an ad in the paper in December. This ad can cover the details about the pravachan by swami ji, AGM and Chatra sthapna to be done in December. All present were OK with this suggestion.

A general comment was made about general cleanliness in the temple premises (outside the puja hall). RA suggested that the priests have to be informed to help maintain cleanliness in that area (parking lot, back of dining hall etc). RA sent a letter to both priests after the meeting asking them to maintain cleanliness in those areas.

At the suggestion of HS , RA provided a brief update on the status of two projects to the board.

- 1) Shikhar project—Payment Of \$3800 for phadse 1 was made to the architect couple of weeks ago. A meeting has been set up with the architect on Tuesday, 11/8/22, to review the status of phase 1 (preliminary approval to the concept by City of Scottsdale). Members of the committee will also review inputs from the architect for this project.**
- 2) New building project: Requirements were given to the architect 2 weeks ago. The architect will be requested to create a preliminary layout of the proposed building which will be shared with the board. This activity will require some payment to the architect. A budget of \$10,000 has already been approved in the last meeting for this purpose.**

Meeting was closed at 11:00 AM.

Ravinder Aggarwal

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