

Minutes of meeting for 04/12/2026

Board Member Attendees: Ashok Jain, Rohit Aggarwal, Vaibhavi Pradhan, Saraswathi Singh, Manish Sharma, Surinder Sharma, Kulbhushan Chhibber, Prakash Dshmkh, Ruchika Walia, Hemant Masta, Purnima Sharma, Rahul Bansal

Guest Attendees: None.

Meeting Start Time: Quorum requirement of 9 BODs meets, and meeting started at 1:05 Pm.

Agenda items:

- 1 13:00 Call to order - President
- 2 13:01 Approval of last BOD meeting (03/08/2026) minutes – Rohit ji
- 3 13:05 Announcements – Ashok Ji
- 4 13:10 Project reports – Ashok Ji
 - a. Shikhar project report
 - b. Building construction update
- 5 13:15 Treasure Report – Saru Ji
 - a. Collection and expenses, including Shivaratri program and Hanuman Janam Mohotsav puja.
 - b. Average monthly expenses
 - c. Services collections
 - d. Cash and CDs
 - e. CD maturation
 - f. Any other item
- 6 13:30 PRO report – Manish ji
 - a. Communication status
 - b. Active membership
- 7 13:35 Puja Committee report Vaibhavi ji
 - a. Status of Phoolo ki Holi Event
 - b. Callender of yearly events
 - c. Pooja dates clashes and resolution
 - d. Temple hrs.
 - e. Navagraha Puja issues – oils pouring, etc.
 - f. Puja activates – touching idols, diya offering, etc.
- 8 14:05 Actions from the previous
 - a. Constant Contact subscription – Manish ji
 - b. Shikhar light proposal – Ashok Ji
 - c. Corporation commission submissions – Chhibber Ji and Ashok Ji
- 9 14:20 New items Requested by Membership – Ashok Ji / Rohit
 - a. Dress Code as per approved HTA bylaws?
 - b. Implementation plan for suggestions made during the bylaw's approval.
 - c. Photography and video taking in and around the temple.
 - d. Any Logistic issues?
- 10 14:30 Any other item -all
- 11 14:40 Adjournment

Discussion/Motions:

1. **Meeting was called to order at 1:05 Pm.**
2. **Last BOD meeting minutes were discussed, and no one offered any suggestions for correction. Motion by Ashok Ji to approve meeting minutes for the meeting held on 03/08/2026. Seconded by Saraswathi and approved by all present board members.**
3. Ashok Ji laid down meeting rules for BOD.

- a. Come on time and start the meeting on time.
- b. No long discussion and one person talk at one time.
- c. One person speaks at one time.
- d. No personal attacks.
- e. Once the decision made by board then it will be abided by everyone as one voice.

4. Updates by Ashok Ji

- a. Trustees team working on fundraising for the building project.
- b. Able to reduce the original approved budget for Shikhar Sathapna from \$64,000 to \$19, 284. We received the sponsorship of \$54,202 just for Sathapna. Total expense of the Shikhar project is around \$178K.
- c. Structural/Mechanical Electrical work will be completed by Architecture by April 24th and will be submitted to City by April 27th with the anticipation of City approval by end of May.
- d. Yearly BOD meeting schedule was discussed and some changes were requested (Action: Ashok Ji to send updated meeting Schedule – 4/21/26)
- e. Before the construction starts, we need to organize/clean up and overcome the other logistics challenges related to Kitchen, Priest Residence.
- f. Ashok ji informed the Board that He spoke with Pandit Bharat Bhai how is India for last six month and waiting for his approval form USA embassy. He was offered the last date on April 18, 2026, for confirmation of his return to the Temple, Otherwise, Temple will look for another Panditji. Board agreed and directed Ashok ji to the start the process for looking for a new priest. (action: Ashok ji to imitate Priest Search Process)

5. Saru Ji presented the Treasure Report for the month of March.

- a. Have positive balances in all the accounts with substantial donations coming in. If anyone needs more information regarding the balances/expenses Treasure report can be provided.
- b. Saru ji will work with Vaibhavi ji to talk to Chase and find out if able to get the better interest rate on CDS. Going forward we will do the minimum tenure of 3 months for the CD.

6. Manish ji provided the PRO report.

- a. Monthly event calendar gets published every month.
- b. Monthly newsletter sent via Constant Contact.
- c. Major events published in Asia Today.
- d. Printed Signage/Notices replaced by handwritten notices.
- e. Custom envelopes have been ordered to collect devotees' information for donations.
- f. Member count and following increasing cross all the social platforms. For the details PRO report can be provided.
- g. Manish ji will investigate to reduce the cost of Constant Contact from \$99 to \$30 to \$40. (action: Manish Ji)
- h. Notice board needs to be expanded and everyone agreed to use the back wall of the temple facing deities to be converted into Notice board.
- i. Mannish ji recommended for the TV/Media mobile stand which will cost from \$1200-\$1600. Board has not made any decision yet. Saru ji offered to sponsor it.

7. Purnima ji recommended to talk to the contact person provided by her for e-hundi.

8. Pooja committee report by Vaibhavi ji.

- a. During the Phoolo ki Holi event devotees played the Holi with colors instead of flowers inside the temple hall. Which created lot of mess and cleaning lady spent 4 hours with her team to clean it. Vaibhavi ji sent an email to the organizer of the event regarding the incident and is still waiting for the reply. Vaibhavi ji will call and discuss the incident with the organizers and let them know the temple policy so that this kind of behavior will not be repeated in the future event organized by them.
- b. This year Ganpati Utsav will start during the weekday, September 14th Monday and we will do it for 10 days.

- c. There was a discussion related to colliding of the two poojas on the same day. General BOD opinion is to adjust one of the pooja to next day to accommodate the logistics of each pooja. Yearly pooja calendar will be published that will include the date temple is doing it and the date when the actual pooja is based on the Scottsdale panchang in case it differs.
 - d. There was a discussion on changing the temple hours from 8:30AM – 12:30Pm from 8:30AM – 1PM. BOD consensus is not to change it as there are some devotees those who some days come at 12:30Pm and, hours need to be changed at multiple places which can lead to confusion if missed anyone of the place.
 - e. Pooja events dates will only be communicated to Pandit ji by Pooja Committee Chair (Vaibhavi Ji). (Action: Vaibhavi ji – 4/25)
 - f. 2 or 3 long mic wires will be ordered so that mic can reach at the Satyanarayan Ji's Murti altar.
 - g. As devotees pour oil on Navagraha despite of multiple signs. Decision is to cover Navagraha with fiber glass covering with the provision for devotees to donate in front of each Navagraha. **Motion by Vaibhavi Ji to approve \$2000 for the covering. Seconded by Saraswathi Ji and Rohit and approved by all present board members.** If the estimated cost exceeds then board will approve the difference.
 - h. There were incidents where devotees went on altar bent and touched the idols. To prevent this happening Pandit Ji's will be instructed to stay in the temple during their shift and especially when devotees are inside and they will have full authority to stop the devotees and tell them about the temple policy nicely. In case of any issue Pandit ji will direct devotee to reach out to Ashok ji.
9. Venkat pandit ji requested for one month vacation. As the second priest is needed to run the normal operations of the temple and looking at the current situation he will be allowed to take 2 weeks. (Action: Vaibhavi ji to inform Panditji)
- 10. Motion by Chhibber Ji to approve \$7500 for the lights around the Shikhar. Seconded by Saraswathi ji and approved by all present board members.**
- 11. Because of the time constrained, the remaining agenda items will be covered during the next meeting.**

Next Board Meeting: Sunday May 16th 2Pm.

Meeting adjourned:

- Motion by Rohit Aggarwal to adjourn the meeting. Second, by Surinder ji. Meeting adjourned at 2:50Pm.