

BOT OCT 16 2011

General Body Meeting

- Shiv Kapoor opens meeting with Status Report.
 - a. Accomplishments – finalized facility to be built in 2 phases
 - b. All 6500 sq ft but in 2 phases
 - c. Many pujas = Jan- Saras, Feb – Shiv Ratri, Ganesh Chaturthi
 - d. Continuous weekly bhajans at facility provided by Chhotbhai's hotel
 - e. Sep 4 Ganesh Chaturthi – many new people
 - f. Oct 1 – Saraswati, Durga puja. Highlight – well construction – we collected that day about \$22000 for well construction. The total cost is \$35k so we are still looking for donors.
 - g. Oct 2010 – Oct 2011 – HTCSCI – net income – \$70k
 - i. New members, patrons upgraded
 - ii. In bank – \$353k
 - iii. In addition – \$250k in pledges
 - iv. In addition – pledges for loans

Conclusion – There is a momentum now.

Uma _ What about a membership drive?

Sanjeeva – we did not do fundraising.

SUBBU NOMINATION COMMITTEE REPORT AND BOARD SELECTION

N.C. members - Subbu, Sanjeeva, Chhotabhai; outside member - Srikumar

- Vacancies – category – student member, Gold, Life, General – 4
 - a. Patron – 3
- Process – sent emails to outgoing members if they wanted to be BOT again; sent emails to general community.
 - a. Some members interested in serving again, others not. SO we told them we need your help even if you are not on Board.
- New selections – make sure nominated members wanted to serve
 - a. Anil Boddu
 - b. Srinivas Nookula
 - c. Kalika Sharma
 - d. Bharati Pomitigantu
- Recommendation of the Nomination Committee
- SLATE
 - a. NEW MEMBERS

- i. Anil Boddu
- ii. Srinivas Nookula
- iii. Kalika Sharma
- iv. Bharati Pomitigantu

b. Older members who will continue:

- i. Student member Amit Jain to continue for 1 year
- ii. Alumni Member Pradeep Khanna – for 1 year [Pradeep wanted NOT to serve in that category; so suggestion Pradeep to serve as a benefactor/ patron and Raju Perecherla to serve in capacity as alumni]
- iii. Kiran Topudurti
- iv. Patron/ benefactor – Veera Boddu [represented by daughter]
- v. Raju Perecherla – will continue

Balgopal – the members who are going out – I would like to recognize them for your work.

- Aradhana Chhajed
- Shankar Bhattacharya
- Kaushik Patel
- Neena Tripathy

SUBBU – WE PROPOSE that you pass this slate. Unanimously approved.

DISCUSSION on MEMBERSHIP

TOTAL members – 190

BOT members – 18

Srinivas – why do we not go back to 14-member Board because we are having trouble filling up the Board.

Shiv – we do not want to do it in a hurry. Let us deliberate and then come back next year. We have discussed this in the last BOT meeting. We will go back to the community and the BOT and then make a decision next year.

FACILITY COMMITTEE REPORT

Nani – we met with the consultant [me, Srinivas, Shiv, Rajsekhar] Rajsekhar was very helpful and IGW had no objections to his recommendations. [presents drawings.]

- We are hoping to do const in 2 phases. Phase 1 – 5000 sq ft. Phase 2 – add another 1500 sq ft. West wall is non-load bearing so you can remove it without harm to building. That is where 1500 sq ft will be added. This is under approval from County of Champaign

- We requested consultant to do design for 6500 sq ft
- Timeline – Construction plan by end of this year
- Rajsekhar will get cost from all contractor by end January 2012
- To County of C – by February – we will inform then of Phase 1 and 2. By end of February 2012 we will have permit.
- By April 2012 – we should be able to start the construction of temple.
- The groundbreaking part will be untouched and done in Phase 2
- The current structure will be shifted to the East. The deities will be toward the groundbreaking site.
- Well-construction can continue. But it might be preferable to do it in April than right now. That will prevent the freezing. Give us time to get estimates and competitive bids after negotiating with different contractors. Shiv – cost is so high – because of the size and height of the well – 6” pipe is needed so cost is high. We need water for all kinds – including landscaping, drinking etc. Nani – I consulted an Illinois Water Board – water pipe should be 6” and the depth of well will be 275-300 ft. Good quality water.
- Estimated completion time – 4 months [first week of September] Ganesh puja should be there. AND the Durga Puja.
- Chhotabhai – is this the temple – not the cultural center? DISCUSSION on how the whole structural design was changed but not the functional design. No Gopurams.
- Pradeep – must be very careful about cost escalation. We do not want to spend the same amount on this scaled down structure. We are operating on this membership support. So BOT must do everything to control the cost.
 - Shiv – we have it in mind. No money if we go beyond that. We know that. In the earlier there was so much cement – and we took away that.
 - Pradeep – so within \$600000. If we said that amount to the membership we should stay within that.
 - SHIV – we all agree.
 - Kiran – whatever we said to the community we should and will stay in that.
 - Nani – shows drawings. There are structural changes in design. Rajsekhar pointed out places to save money. Architects agreed.
 - Shivali – I am a member of this comm.. I emphasize tow my generation . Imp – get more involvement from younger generations because this gen is making C-U their home. For people of my age – this is their home. 2. The most memorable moments – I have here – and are like my family – are at religious and social gatherings. I think by segregating the social aspect from the religious aspect – you risk alienating my generation here. You should not postpone the cultural center whatsoever.

1) Shiv – now that the business of selecting a new Board is done we have to get on with business. We need more community involvement. I suggest everybody to get involved. Hopefully everyone will be happy when it is done.

- 2) Balgopal – I really appreciate what Shivali said. But some of us who have been involved – the 1st phase – this will be home for all cultural activities – Durga puja, student population.
- 3) To Shivali – how should we go about get this young group involved?
 - a) We had Hindi classes, Hindu mythology classes. All our friends went. There was a designated area where we gathered. Going to the temple was a community event. I think it is important to have the cultural center. Otherwise you will be ignoring our generation. You cannot not have the cultural center.
 - b) Nandini Sharma – I have been focusing on this. We have had out activities. As kids we were focused on the other parts. I know we can do a lot of things if we have a place. Once a month gather the kids and explain to them this is what we do – camps for kids – yoga classes, some culture/religion related talks. Kitchen – make ladoos, attached to Ganesha puja. I totally support Shivali – We do want the pujas but we need the cultural/ personality development aspect in this facility especially in this country for the kids.
 - c) Kalika Sharma – We are all going to leave this place and leave it for our sons. The younger generation has to be brought in because they are the one who will continue the tradition. Let them be secure in their religion and make it conducive for them to practice.
 - d) Shyamala – In 2 years – maybe the Diwali dinner will be held in the temple
 - e) Bharati – give one position for young generation.
 - f) Pradeep – Shivali – we all agree to you. I think the messaging should change. Last time we had a 4-hour long puja. But a lot of people feel bored. People start eating. The issue – the strong signal – look at it as a yoga center. Signal Point – to the community this is for your to participate.
 - i) Shiv – last puja there was a large children participated.

Shiv – important announcement on DIWALI Dinner at Urbana Civic Center 6 p.m. – on November 4.
Meeting adjourned.