

**Minutes of HTCSCI BOT Meeting, 3/14/15
Hindu Temple Site**

Present

Nani Bhowmik
Koeli Goel
Pallassana R Balgopal
Kalindi Patel
Amita Sinha
Sanjeeva Reddy
R.K. Bhonagiri
Raju Perecharla
Kodanda Rao Uppuluri
Manisha Patel

Proxy

Pratap Vanka

Absent

Rita Mandan
Pradeep Khanna
Bala Sridaran
Raghavendra Pradyumna
Dinesh Chawla
Kalyansubbu Sundarvelu
Ravi Gogula

Guests

Jyothi Ganapathiraju
Sudha Uppuluri

11 members including proxies were present. Quorum was met.

1. The meeting started at 2 pm with a prayer.
2. The minutes of the previous BOT meeting were approved.
3. Ravi Gogula was unable to attend the meeting. However, thanks for the detailed Financial Summary for Jan, Feb-2015 that he sent the day before meeting to all trustees via email.

4. Nanida presented that he will forward a draft copy of HTCSCI Constitution and bylaws from Shiv Kapoor for BOT member's review. Requested written comment response by April 3rd 2015. Constitution committee requested to meet on April 12th with BOT members. Since the next monthly BOT meeting is on April 11th, all members agreed instead of having meeting on both days to combine these two meetings on April 12th. BOT members also discussed about operating hand book. The GB to meet in May and finalize in June.

5. Planning Committee meeting for possible Temple Addition was discussed. Issue was raised for calling for a meeting without making a motion about it in the previous meeting. Pallassana R Balgopal made a formal motion, seconded by Amita Sinha and Kalindi Patel. Topic was discussed at length and called for sending email info to all community members for wider participation and input. A formal motion was made by Pallassana R Balgopal and seconded by Amita Sinha and Kalindi Patel and approved unanimously.

6. Forthcoming pujas; Summer temple timings and Anniversary puja dates discussed.

March 20th Ugadi celebration/Rama Parivar Abhishekam

March 28th Sri Ram Navami - Sita Rama Kalyanam

April 3rd Hanuman Jayanti

Temple Anniversary was discussed in depth to celebrate for one day or two days on May 30th and 31st. Motion was made for one day only on May 30th by Sanjeeva Reddy and seconded by Koeli Goel. After extended discussion a friendly amendment was made to have Puja in AM and cultural program in PM. The contact person for the cultural program will be R.K.Bhonagiri.

Proposal of Summer Temple Times:

MO-TU-WE 10am-12noon and 6pm-8pm

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FR 10am-12noon and 6pm-8:30pm

SA-SU 10am-1pm and 4pm-8:30pm

7. Tree plantation: Amita Sinha presented plans about planting about ten more trees. Amita provided the list of tree donors for 2013, 2014 and the need for more donors for 2015. Members were excited to have a ceremonial tree plantation on the celebration of temple's anniversary day.

8. R.K.Bhonagiri presented temple hanging signs - Brass Name plates for deities. Members agreed have larger plated for three main deities and two smaller ones (2 1/2" x 22") for Sri Balaji and Lord Shiva.

R.K. spent a great deal of time to search and collect several options for these deities plates and donor recognition plaques. He presented multiple options for donor plaques, like roster series, modular donor wall plaques, customized plates to meet our needs and tree with leaves plaques, etc. All BOT members agreed to have

deities' brass name plates to proceed with at this time and R.K. to have two or three other volunteers to help him with donor recognition plaques.

9. It was discussed about the visit of HH Sri Chinna Jeeyar Swamiji to Champaign/Urbana on April 9th. Concerns were raised about bylaws regarding JET (Jeeyar Education Trust) cannot collect funds (donations) from temple.

10. Suggestion box had two suggestions.

1) Keep up good work by Anand.

2) S.G.Raju - requested to develop a website "Saraswathi Temple" - any student can pay online to perform Saraswathi Archana.

11. New item from Balgopal: R.K. to develop a form to update membership drive and forward to BOT members to give feedback to R.K.

12. Next meeting on 4-12-2015 as stated above.

13. The meeting adjourned at 4 pm.