

## **HTCSCI EC & BOT JOINT MEETING MINUTES - June 11, 2016**

**Time: 4pm**

**Place: Temple**

### **Trustees Present**

Nani Bhowmik

Balgopal Pallassana

Amita Sinha

Pradeep Khanna

Kalyansubbu Sundarvelu

Shailesh Patel

Kalindi Patel

VeeraMallu Boddu

Kodanda Rao Uppuluri

### **Proxies**

Koeli Goel (to Nani)

Neeru Batura (to Nani)

B.J.Rao (to VeeraMallu)

Kotesh Guntupalli (to VeeraMallu)

RK Bhonagiri (to U.K.Rao)

Rakesh Pandey (to B.J.Rao)

### **Absent**

Raghavendra Pradyumna

Sriram Chandrasekaran

1. The meeting started with a prayer at 4:04PM.  
This is the 2<sup>nd</sup> BOT/EC joint meeting.
2. **Trustee Meeting:** Balgopal started Trustees Meeting discussions on four agenda items.
  - a. Bal expressed concern that fund raising committee is not fully defined or formed. Board members discussed various options to conduct the event like a Tent Fund Raising at the Temple or a more formal event with dinner & entertainment at locations like University of Illinois Alumni Association, iHotel, Laborers' International Union or Refinery of Champaign. Members favored for Illinois Alumni Association hall. Fund Raising Chair Pradeep

Khanna will follow up on the availability of Illinois Alumni Association hall for September 18<sup>th</sup> or 24<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Pradeep/Kalindi will find out meal catering options with Bloomington's Signature restaurant or others.

- b. Report on Operating Handbook: Mallu mentioned that a preliminary draft of O/M will be emailed to BOT by the end of July.
  - c. Report and discussion from the election committee: Nani read the six names of 1 year term members – Koeli, Neeru, B.J.Rao, R.K, U.K.Rao & Subbu. Balgopal has expressed that he may not be able to continue on the election committee (due to health reasons). Later Kalindi graciously volunteered to be on the election committee. Mallu will send an email draft to Kotes/Nani seeking two persons to serve on the election committee. Two people would be selected from the community from the response to the email.
  - d. Report and discussion on Temple planning & expansion: Nani talked about getting an engineering drawing which may cost about 4-5K. Talked about rest rooms, elevator, stair case, rooms, doors etc. Shailesh mentioned that it may cost \$140/sq.ft. Amita is willing to refine the drawing. Pradeep suggested to hold off getting engineering drawing till we have 250K for the room addition. Shailesh will send the list of names of donors who pledged during Temple anniversary.
3. **EC meeting:** The minutes of 5/7/2016 meeting was approved without change. Motion by U.K.Rao & 2nded by Shailesh.
4. **Treasurer's report:** Shailesh detailed current status of the report.
5. **Puja activities:**
- a. Mallu talked about the upcoming One Lakh Kumkum Archana on June the 19<sup>th</sup> and requested everybody to encourage and invite more ladies to participate in this special event for a grand success.
  - b. Board discussed about the volunteering during Sharmaji's vacation. Sharmaji also preparing a list and will give it to B.J.Rao
  - c. Sharmaji made a request to advance his July salary towards expenses of his vacation trip to India. Board has discussed it at length and decided to do that. Nani made the motion and Mallu 2nded it.
  - d. Mold for Ganapathi Silver Kavacham: Mallu tried to make small scale one with some clay material without success. They are trying a different approach & need to get the cost estimate of the mold soon.

6. **Food and Prasadam:** Discussed about providing prasadam boxes on Saturdays for a reasonable donation to stimulate more devotee visit the Temple. Kalindi mentioned that people are willing to donate supplies or cash for mahaprasadam program & will work on the logistics. Everybody praised and complemented Kalindi for the great job that she has been doing.
7. **Acknowledgement Board:** It will be coming soon and will be displayed on the wall in the hall.
8. **Rental of dining hall for dance classes:** Renting the hall for dance classes was discussed by the board and was encouraged by Subbu, U.K.Rao and others. It was decided that the hall cannot be rented but can be made available for a charitable donation. The amount will be decided after discussing with the dance teacher, more like \$51.00 or so. Logistics of hall availability like Sundays 2PM-4PM to avoid clashes with Temple activities etc. needs to be clarified.
9. **Tree/Landscaping:** Amita has planted more flowers in 92-degree weather with some volunteers. Discussed in detail about a fruit orchard or vegetable garden in the vegetable patch. Concerned about the removal of weeds in a timely manner. Board favored for a vegetable garden. Amita will send an email to volunteers to plant the vegetables. Amita volunteered to donate a 250-gallon compost container to make compost using the flowers. **Trees:** Amita recommends for at least 12 trees to be planted soon this summer on the south side and requested for advance of funds for temple campus beautification. 12 x \$350 each = \$4200.00. Board approved to advance \$4000.00. Sailesh made the motion and Nanida 2nded it.
10. **Water:** Mallu mentioned that he will not be able to bring the salt bags due to his weight lift limitation after recent surgery. Arrangements needs to be made to get the salt bags on a timely manner to maintain drinking water system. U.K.Rao suggested to install a cup dispenser by the water fountain.
11. **Next meeting date:** Next EC meeting will be held at the Temple on July 16, 2016 at 4PM
12. The meeting adjourned at 6 pm.