

HTCSCI EC & BOT JOINT MEETING MINUTES – Sept 11th, 2016

Time: 2:30 PM

Place: Ramada Hotel

Minutes Prepared by Neeru Batura, Secretary

Trustees Present

Nani Bhowmik, Balgopal Pallassana, Neeru Batura, Koeli Goel, RK Bhonagiri, Pradeep Khanna, Amita Sinha, Kalyansubbu Sundarvelu, Shailesh Patel, VeeraMallu Boddu, B.J. Rao, Kodanda Rao Uppuluri , Raghavendra

Proxies

Rakesh Pandey (to Kodanda Rao Uppuluri)

1. The meeting started with a prayer at approx. 2:30 PM. This is the 4th BOT/EC joint meeting.
2. **Indian Family met with a Tragedy:** Kotesch informed the board about a calamity that an Indian family has met with. All the members decided to donate \$25.00 each for the family. P. Balgopal is going to form an adhoc committee to look into these matters in future.
3. **Number of Fundraising Tickets Sold:**
 - P. Balgopal – 9
 - Koeli – 7
 - Amita – 2
 - Kalindi – 4
 - Neeru – 8
 - RK – 4
 - Mallu – 2
 - Uppuluri – 8
 - Rakesh – 4
 - Kotesch – 2
 - Subbu – 6
 - Pradeep – 14
 - B.J. Rao – 13
 - Nani Da – 8
 - Shailesh – 8
 - Sharma Ji – 20

TOTAL: 119

Koeli suggested that by Thursday, members should try to sell at least 2 tickets each. She also suggested to Kotesch to post the Fundraiser poster on Facebook and Boost it. She also asked him to create Fundraiser poster as the main picture on the temple website.

4. **Google Doc.** - Kotesch will be creating a Google Doc. sheet for the fundraiser event, containing the following columns:

Name, guest's name, Adult, Child, Paid, unpaid

This will be sent out for all the members to fill up their respective names, guest name etc.

5. Duties at the Fundraiser event:

- Money collection at the gate – Shailesh, RK and Mallu
- Decorations – Kalindi, Koeli, B.J. Rao, Rita Mandhan. Possibly Neeru and RK
- Event Photographs - Uppuluri
- Video – not decided

2 PayPal credit card machines will be brought to the event. Shailesh will talk to PayPal beforehand.

6. Accommodations for the artists:

Shailesh will be providing the accommodations for the artists.

7. Fundraiser update from P. Balgopal:

Donations designated towards **Saint Tyagaraja:**

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| • Dr. Sumuk & Priya Sundram, loan converted to donation - | \$ 15,000 |
| • Drs. Laxminarayan Bitragunta & Kavita Raman, pledged over 2 years - | \$5,000 |
| • Dr. Pallassana R & Shyamala Balgopal - | \$5,000 |
| • Dr. Rajeshwari Panddharipande | \$3,000 |
| • Dr. Sudha & Srinivas Mutheepalli | \$2,000 |
| • Drs. Sumant Kaushik & Shibha Vasudevan, pledged over 2 years | \$4,000 |
| • Drs. Meena Balgopal and Paul Ode | \$1,000 |

Donations designated towards General Fund:

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| • Anonymous | \$11,000 |
| • Mr. KMC Nair, pledged over 3 years | \$2,000 |
| • Pramila Singh | \$500 |

8. Fundraiser update from Nanida:

Donations designated towards **Ramakrishna Paramahansa:**

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| • 7 Anonymous families | \$30,000 |
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- As part of this, we will be acquiring 3 – 5 new life members

Donations designated towards **Shirdi Sai Baba:**

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| • Anonymous families | \$11,000 |
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Donations designated towards General Fund:

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| • One Anonymous family | \$6,000 |
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- As part of this, we will be acquiring one new grand benefactor

9. Fundraiser update from Koeli:

Donations designated towards **Shirdi Sai Baba:**

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| • Dr. Rao | \$10,000 |
| • Mr. Handa | \$6,000 |
| • Working on getting the pledge for: | \$7,000 |

Donations designated towards **Shri Ram Avdhoot:**

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| • Family of Sanjay Mehta | \$15,000 |
| • Family of Tripathis & | |
| • Anonymous family | \$15,000 |

10. Donation from Pradeep Khanna for the Hall

\$5,000

11. Update by Shailesh:

One group is interested in donating for **Umiya Mataji** for the Saints hall

One family has pledged \$5,000 for the hall

12. Update by Mallu:

Sold 2 tickets. Another two-and-a-half may be sold. Talking to a few people but nobody has come forward.

13. Update by Uppuluri:

Has not talked to anyone about the Saints hall but is thinking of talking to some people about **Shri Raghavendra Swami**.

14. Update by Kotes:

Has not talked to anyone about the Saints hall but may donate towards **Shirdi Sai Baba**. May have some brick donors.

15. Update by Subbu:

Sold 6 tickets and \$500.00 donation

16. Update by Neeru:

Spoke with Dada Bhagwan group. They seem to be interested. Ultimate decision will happen at Ahmedabad, India. Also, they would like to know if the payment for the pledge amount can be done in 5 years.

17. Navgraha pledge:

Dr. Rao pledged \$5,000 for 'Surya' navgraha

18. Misc. discussions:

Dr. Rao working on some pledges

Koeli visited 7 families

Dr. Balgopal would like the foundation dug in by spring. Requested members to make some pledges.

Dr. Rao and Pradeep Khanna suggested that June 30th, 2018 should be the deadline for all pledges.

Shailesh said that the Tax details can be worked out accordingly.

Shailesh was asked if any families are interested in Swami Narayan. To that he informed that because Bloomington temple already has one already, so it may not be possible.

Dr. Rao and Koeli suggested that it will be a good idea to announce brick donors during fundraising

Uppuluri suggested for the temple to have Gopuram.

19. Next Meeting: date not decided

20. The meeting was adjourned around 4:30 pm