

HTCSCI EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES – JULY 16, 2016

Time: 4pm

Place: Temple

EC Trustees Present

Nani Bhowmik

Kotesh Guntupalli

Veera Mallu Boddu (for B.J.Rao)

Shailesh Patel

Kalindi Patel

Kodanda Rao Uppuluri

Proxies

Koeli Goel (to Nani)

B.J.Rao (to VeeraMallu)

RK Bhonagiri (to Nani)

Absent

Pradeep Khanna

Neeru Batura

1. The meeting started with a prayer at 4:10PM.
2. **EC meeting:** The minutes of 6/11/2016 meeting was approved without change. Motion by Kalindi Patel & 2nded by Kotesh Guntupalli.
3. **Treasurer's report:** Shailesh/Kalindi detailed current status of the report.
 - a) Temple's Main Operational Checking A/C Balance: **\$156780.35** (Includes \$10972.80 income for July, 2016).
 - b) Temple's Savings A/C Balance: **\$ 24030.08**
 - c) Cultural Center Checking A/C Balance: **\$ 56325.00** (\$2000.00 increase for July)
4. **Cultural Center Fund Pledges:** Kalindi Patel will send reminder emails to cultural center pledged donors requesting to fulfill their pledges.

5. Puja activities: Mallu garu presented the upcoming puja activities for July & August 2016.

- a. **July 19th Tuesday** – Guru Poornima Celebration. Lecture by Nemani Subbarao Garu on Gayatri at 7 pm followed by Arti and Mahaprasad.
 - b. **July 23rd Saturday** – Akhanda Ramayana Paarayana was **cancelled** due to unavailability of performing participants.
 - c. **July 28th Thursday & 30th Saturday** - Aadi Krithika celebrations. Pamphlet has already been circulated.
 - d. **August 12th Friday** – Varalakshmi Vratam in the evening.
 - e. **August 17th Wednesday** – Rakhi Poornima Celebration.
 - f. **August 19th Friday evening & 20th Saturday morning** – Raghavendra Swamy Abhishekam/Aaradhana Utsavam followed by Arti and Mahaprasad on Saturday.
 - g. **August 24th Wednesday evening** – Sri Krishna Janmashtami/Abhishekam for Lord Sri Krishna.
 - h. **August 27th Saturday morning** – Sri Krishna Janmashtami Celebrations.
 - i. **Food & prasadam:** Food committee will coordinate for food & prasadam on major events.
- 6. Treasurer's Committee:** Shailesh Patel mentioned that the committee members Shailesh, Kalindi Patel and R.K. Bhonagiri will split up responsibilities of collecting, recording, depositing, sorting & organizing in monthly folders.
- 7. Forms etc.:** Nani suggested to have some forms in place to be filled when space is let for non-religious events like weddings. A fee to be determined and a \$100.00 cleaning deposit required. Shailesh Patel will email the contract forms to committee member for review.
- Event insurance:** Shailesh Patel will check with insurance company for coverage of the non-covered events.
- 8. Web Committee:** Kotesch Guntupalli mentioned that festivals templates are updated and can be utilized for repeated use. Any new festival info will be added and maintained on the web. Minutes of the meetings are also saved on the web. Kotesch also mentioned that Koeliji will give event details & he will then prepare the poster.
- 9. Fund raising:** Kalindi mentioned about meeting with Koeli & Rita on fund raising event planning. Cards and tickets are in the process of printing. EC also discussed about reaching out to the community members to upgrade their current membership level to the next level up.

10. Other items:

- a) Dance classes: Our dance teacher, Subha Lakshmi Kumar has started dance classes from last week. Parents are liking the idea of dance classes at the temple. Classes are being held on Thursdays & Saturdays. She is flexible to reschedule Saturday classes to Sundays during major events.
- b) Dance teacher Subha Lakshmi Kumar has made a \$350.00 donation towards a tree sponsor.
- c) Temple coverage is going ok during Sharmaji's vacation except for few glitches.
- d) Pathway around the temple: The path has become somewhat difficult for procession around the temple during major events due to weeds. U.K.Rao suggested for cutting weeds, spraying weed killer, fertilizing & watering the lawn. Mallu garu suggested growing a two feet belt of good grass inside and outside of the side walk. Shailesh Patel will talk to the gardener or lawn mower man for price quote.
- e) Sprinkler system: U.K.Rao mentioned about sprinkler system for lawn irrigation. It was discussed that the estimate for sprinkler system costs 12000 dollars. A previous donor has made \$5000.00 and looking for additional donations.
- f) Quilt raffle/donation by Prabhavathi Polasani: As promised in the past, Prabhavathi Polasani garu made a king size (93" x 106") quilt and would like to draw a raffle & donating the proceedings to the temple. She will have the raffle stubs printed. Each raffle ticket costs \$5.00. EC approved for the raffle draw with a motion by Nani & 2nded by Kotes. h.
- g) Bhajan on August 13/14: Kishore & Kokila Joshi will host a Bhajan

11.Next meeting date: Next EC meeting will be held at the Temple on August 20, 2016 at 4PM

12.The meeting adjourned at 5:30 pm.