

## BOT June 16 2013 Meeting

Members Present: Nani, Raju, Mallu, Koeli, Neelu, Sanjeeva, Subbu, Shailesh (proxy to Sanjeeva), Saravanan (proxy to Sanjeeva)

Members Absent: Shiv, Pradeep, Piyush

## AGENDA

1. Mandala Puja July 6-7, 2013
2. Shiv Lingam
3. Balaji murti repair
4. OM sign – Mallu will work on permission and installation

### Mandala Puja July 6-7, 2013

- A. Duration & Schedule– Sanjeeva talked to Gurukkal. Saturday July 6 (11 a.m. – 7 p.m. – Homams, Kumkumarchana, Lalithasahasranama) and Sunday July 7 (10 a.m. - Noon).
- i. Small tent for homams (Neelu to email Springfield Tent company).
  - ii. Shiv Lingam – Mallu is talking to someone in Houston. Communication going on about taking it from some Mandir in Houston. Also possible to buy it from Amazon. We will collect \$5000 from Baturas to pay for the Shiv Lingam and installation, structural remodels. Nani – there is someone in town who works with cultured marble and can mould anything. We can ask him to do the pitham. DISCUSSION on Shiv Lingam and abhishekam structure. Sanjeeva to talk to Velu to get Shiv Lingam from India.
  - iii. Utsav Vighraha – Narayan Rao to come in by June 17. They will bring small idol of Ganesha.
  - iv. Venkateswara – Wooden arch as a back support. Mallu will get it made from Joe.
  - v. Electrical work – Nanida organizing all work. Subbu to contact electrician and get the work done. Tuesday morning June 18 – Nani, Subbu, Sanjeeva and Mallu to meet electrician for installation of outlets (3 at least in each GG), energy saving LEDs (3-4 in each garbha griha)
  - vi. Mallu working on OM sign – permission and installation.
- B. Communication to community – Koeli to send email as Details follow.
- C. Sponsorship – Raju – let us have few categories of sponsorships. Mallu – for 3 Kumkumarchanas – let us not charge anything. Just specify “Kumkumarchana 5.30-6.30 p.m. etc.”
- D. BOT attendance – Nani, Koeli, Sanjeeva, Mallu, Raju. (Confirmed present). Neelu, Subbu, Piyush (Confirmed absent) Shailesh? Shiv? Pradeep? Rita? Aradhana? Ravi?
- E. Puja - Mallu – Puja Committee – Pratap Vanka, Aradhana Chhajed, Vidya Tripathi, Laxmi Gande, Sangeeta Saravanan, Padma.
- F. Events – Rita Mandhan, Rupa Sud, Vatsala (Neelu talked to Rupa; will talk to Mayur and get back).
- G. Food – Separate communities to help. Sanjeeva to talk to different communities.
- H. Media & Communication – Posters – 5; Sign up sheet for pujas – RSVP? Saturday pujas Homam sponsors, Sunday Kalyanam sponsors. Sanjeeva to talk to Gurukal about Puja List and communicate to Koeli and she will send the email.

I. Outside pujas –

- i. Sanjeeva will make spreadsheet and present to BOT. We will need to pay Sharmaji at the end of the month.
- ii. Send email to Community with Google Doc link and Neelu and Sanjeeva's email and phone for community
- iii. Community Ideas – Sharmaji to ask them to write down and give it to us at O&M meetings.
- iv. Sharmaji to work with Koeli and Sanjeeva to come upon a Calendar of Events for 2013-14. Koeli asks for members to join this.
- v. DISCUSSION. Major idea of O&M is to manage inside and outside running operations of the temple and the priest. Subbu – we must make sure that the roles of committees are clearly demarcated. Mallu – My instructions was don't talk to Gurukkal for any other things. DISCUSSION. Subbu – outside puja we wanted to be dealt by someone else not puja committee. That's what we were thinking. Priest has 2 interfaces. Outside and Inside. So we can come up with a schedule for him. It is a learning process for all of us. We don't know fully how much the community needs him. O&M done because we don't have a paid manager. O&M responsibility is to ensure running of the temple. Raju – let us write down whose responsibility is what. Nobody is trying to eliminate anybody. We are trying to delegate work so entire work load does not fall on one person. One person cannot do everything. That is what we at O&M are doing it. DISCUSSION. Nanida – Raju is correct. Someone manages everything inside the temple. Somebody needs to take care of everything outside. Raju – Let us be Practical – we have to make sure we get enough money. Nani – today Father's Day, we learnt something. It does not have to be that every time people come they must pay money. There is money in hundi too. Primary role of O&M to be a manager. That is why we are in every sphere – because of management.
- vi. Raju – Let us discuss the insurance situation - we can save a lot of money on insurance. Subbu – we have to make sure that the stated objective – that we have enough revenue to run the temple – even if bare minimum. Temple property outside and inside upto \$800,000, BOT upto 1 million, Priest up to million.
- vii. Nanida – Ground water level very high. Every house has sump pump to pump out. This place if we did have a basement, like was thought originally, we would have to buy couple of sump pumps just to pump out water. Water seepage solutions much more detailed.
- viii. Raju – we do not expect many people to attend Mandala puja. We must make sure we have not more than 2-3 rates. Sanjeeva to talk to Gurukkal for rates.