

BOT Meeting November 10 2013

Members Present: Nani, Sanjeeva, Koeli, Raju, Neelu, Kalindi, Amita, Dinesh, Rita, Shailesh, Subbu, Ravi

Members Absent: Raghavendra, Pradeep, Aradhana, Bala, Dinesh Chawla, Bhargava,

Agenda:

1. Panditji's vacation approved unanimously – by 10 members present.
2. Ayappa Puja planning – November 14- December 24. We had meeting with Bal. Board does not have major responsibilities. Supplies for 21 people. \$101 donation. First and last day Prasad to be provided by Bal and Shyamala. Will the BOT need to be there?
  - a. November 14 - Dinesh (6.30 p.m.) and Rita and Koeli (5-7) TEMPLE CLOSES AT 7 PM.
  - b. BOT volunteers must be there for the entire period in absence of priest (Nov 16- Nov 25).
3. Puja by Srinivas – denying him to do puja. Rita was conveying Aradhana's question on this. Discussion. Decision was that nothing was conveyed to the BOT and the appointed person, Sanjeeva. NGB – with due respect to Srinivas – he needed to follow the proper channel instead of talking to Sharmaji alone. Neelu – there is a protocol to be followed. Sanjeeva - Shailesh – Srinivas was calling Sharmaji and talking to him for an hour during temple hours.
4. Priest protocol -
  - a. Sharmaji needs to sign a protocol paper that he needs to NOT take calls during temple hours.
  - b. He needs to dispose of the used flowers.
  - c. He needs to provide cooked Prasad every day.
  - d. Decorations – should not focus so much on decorations instead focus on puja
  - e. Panditiji needs to maintain a strict timing. Always late – never here at 5 p.m.
5. Food Committee – Prasad sponsors – People sign up for 52 weeks. 4 weekends come Every month and make 2 items. You bring for 50 people in packed boxes. \$2 or \$3 per box will be given in donation in exchange for each box. Emails can go out as certain days as: Special food days.
6. Puja Committee – Sanjeeva – the PC chair is not here. But if we must have constant some event in the puja. We have to give the community 1-year plan. We will approach Aradhana to see if she can appoint a Co-Chair for Puja Committee.
7. IT – Bala – December and November sign-ups for BoT. Winter Calendar – has been updated. Bala will post in website first page that Panditji is going for vacation.
8. Inform people for all outside pujas. Sanjeeva will send an email to BoT every time there is a booking for puja outside the temple in community member home.
9. Cultural Committee – will plan cultural nights through December.
10. Landscape committee – to ask for sponsors - Awning - \$3500; Homam Court - \$2000; Garden and bench - \$1000. Well area – Raja Pathuri to call Nani Bhowmik and find out about details on trees around well. Donor list for the landscape scheme to be prepared by Amita and Neelu.
11. Key assignments – an inventory taken of all members who have it.

12. Finance committee – Report sent by Ravi earlier.
  13. Champaign County Highway Department Hearing on Nov 20, 2013, 5-7 p.m. at 1605 Main Street – going to resurface the Mattis north road and put a pavement. They will need right-of-way from us. Nanida is going to be present at the hearing. He will ask them if they can put a turning lane at our entrance. Ever member is requested to come for the meeting.
  14. HTCSCI Protocol Document Review – Approved unanimously with minor modification and addition with dress code.
  15. Priest Time – how many hours is he required to work? State of Illinois – 37.5 hours. Weekend Timing – Can we extend the time to 9 to 1? Discussion. Sanjeeva – we can open longer in weekend but he is coming in at 9 in the morning.
  16. Sponsor Plaque introduced. Sanjeeva will scan rudimentary plan and send to BoT.
- Meeting adjourned.  
Next Meeting – December 8, 2013. 1 p.m.