

HTCSCI MEETING April 6, 2014

HTCSCI members present: Nani, Raju, Dinesh, Amita, Rita, Aradhana, Sanjeeva, Koeli, Shailesh, Bhargava

Members Absent: Raghava, Dinesh Singh, Bala

Proxy - Sanjeeva has proxy for Ravi, Subbu, Pradeep and Kalindi, Rita has Neelu's.

ALSO PRESENT: Pandit Ramesh Kumar Sharma for the first part of the discussion on Schedule of Events for Pujas April – September 2014.

AGENDA

1. Prayer--All - Led by Panditji
2. Minutes of the last meeting are with Subbu. Today's Minutes and March 23 Minutes to be sent by Koeli.
3. Schedule of Events are presented by Panditji for the first time and discussed by BOT. Aradhana and Koeli to discuss further with Panditiji today and send report to BOT by April 7. (Also see below for related discussion.)
 - a. Weekend or tithi puja. Before and after hours pujas. DISCUSSION.
 - b. Raju proposes - Unless it is a very special event, everything will be held within temple hours. Outside temple or off-site, private pujas can be done by Panditji anytime but they have to be done outside temple hours. All exceptions are to be discussed with BOT contacts - Sanjeeva Reddy, Raju Perecherla, Shailesh Patel, Rita Mandhan. If someone wants to sponsor before and after-hours' pujas in the temple, they will also have to contact the same people. If people contact Sharmaji, he is asked to contact the 4 members mentioned here.
 - c. Amita seconds. Passed unanimously.
4. Treasurer's report---Ravi/Sanjeeva. Discussion.
 - a. Land contract to be signed by President, Nani. Bhowmik and Secretary, Koeli Goel.
 - b. O&M Funds - Discussion. Raju, Shailesh and Sanjeeva to review and draft new or refreshed rules and present to BoT.
5. Puja and other activities at the Temple through September 2014. We are requesting Aradhana and Sharmaji to outline all the activities at the Temple for the next 6 months which should include date(s), timings(we must adhere to the timings), proposed activity or puja, requested donations for each event(individual or per family), who will provide all the supplies, and what the devotees need to bring, and others.
 - a. Flower Fund - money donated will be part of a Flower Fund. 5 big pujas will have designer garlands and all others will be ordered locally.
6. Spring tree planting and landscaping, if any. Amita presents the landscaping situation.
 - a. Replacement of trees which have died.
 - b. Ground cover.
 - c. Vegetable garden.
 - d. Sprinkler system - we have \$5000 already. The entire grounds will cost more. We have to get some more funds or make alternate arrangements.
 - e. Amita - we need more trees.
 - f. Amita to come up with a plan for this year for replacing and new bushes and to send email.

- g. Sanjeeva to talk to Sharada about an entrance structure which will be free of charge.
 - h. Amita: End of April and May we will get to that plan for east end. Bhargava - can we know how the landscape will look after 10 years. So short term and long term plan.
 - i. Amita and Landscape committee will do short term shrub and flower planting.
 - j. Talk to Subbu and try to include community during June picnic and perhaps incorporate a planting exercise involving children.
7. Temple Inventory –Sanjeeva, Shailesh, Neelu, Bala and Dinesh Chawla will work with Sharmaji - to be done in 2 weeks.
8. Fund raising Dinner: date, Venue, Agenda etc---Sanjeeva and Koeli
9. Date - August 16, 2014
10. Venue - Alice Campbell Alumni Center
11. Sanjeeva asked to form a sub-committee - Koeli, Shailesh, Neelu, Dinesh
12. Sanjeeva will look at possibilities on getting food from Chicago caterers.
13. Temple cleaning - Dinesh is working on setting up schedule.
14. Community Involvement - Bhargava will come up with plan and discussion will be held at the next meeting - community issues solve their problem, activity group, college students, elders
15. Next Meeting - May 11, 2014