

## **Minutes of the extra-ordinary meeting of the Board of Trustees August 2, 20114 (1 p.m.-2:30 p.m.)**

Attendees:

Sanjeeva, Ravi, Bala, Rita, Aradhana, Raju, Koeli, Anu, Kalindi and Subhash.

Community members have expressed concerns to BOT members that more information about the specifics of any construction of a Cultural Center need to be provided before a decision is made. BOT agreed with this suggestion. There is consensus among BOT members present that the community should be informed about the immediate goals of the current fundraising efforts, i.e. to pay back the outstanding obligations and secure the financial needs for O&M of the temple, while acknowledging the longer term desire for expansion.

Preparations for the Sept. 13, 2014 fundraising dinner are progressing. The first instalment for the hall in the amount of \$416.67 will be made this coming week by Rita Mandhan along with signed rental contract – to the Alice Campbell Alumni Center. Cards, tickets have been made and cutlery has been purchased. Renter insurance for the hall needs to be purchased. Although it will be a buffet dinner, servers will be hired to attend to other needs at tables. The cultural program will tentatively include invocation by Prof. Rajeshwari Pandharipande, followed by introduction to classical dance by Pratyusha, classical dance performance by Kalindi's daughter and a lighter dance by a Nomita and Nikita Mandhan. Sanjeeva is looking into the possibility of adding a short vocal recital of songs.

This year's Ganesh Chaturthi is on Aug.29. The festivities in this year will be for three (3) days, not ten days.

Koeliji mentioned that e-mails are being received by some members of the community from an outfit called "Ourhindutemple.org" announcing events scheduled at our temple in Champaign. The BOT expressed concern about such unauthorized communications from third parties. It was decided that the community needs to be informed that no other organization has been authorized by the BOT to communicate on its behalf.

Misc.: Koeliji will be traveling with effect from Aug.3 and will return on Sept.2. She will be unable to personally attend meetings in this period but will be checking her email as frequently as possible.