Minutes of the HTCSCI Board of Trustees meeting

Nov 18, 2014	HTCSCI Temple	1 To 3 Pm

Attendees

Present	Proxies	Absent
1. Balgopal Pallasanna	1. Nani Bhowmik	1. Pradeep Khanna
2. Sanjeeva Reddy	2. Rita Mandan	2. Maneesha Patel
3. Raju Perecharla	3. Dinesh Chawla	3. Raghavendra
4. Koeli Goel	4. Kalyan Subbu	
5. Amita Sinha		
6. Kalindi Patel		
7. Pratap Vanka		
8. Ravi Gogula		
9. R. K. Bhonagiri		
10. Balasubramaniam Sridaran		
11. Kodanda Rao Uppuluri		

Discussion Minutes

1. The meeting started with a prayer.

2. The minutes of the previous BOT meeting were discussed. It was not clear whether Manisha Patel is the chair of the facilities committee as Nani Bhowmik is already seving as Chair. Hence it is suggested that she be a member of the committee. R. K. Bhonagiri is the chair of the cultural committee. The minutes were approved with these changes suggested.

3. Ravi Gogula gave the treasurer's report. The report showed the current financial situation, income, assets over the month of October 2014. The treasurer's report was discussed and approved.

   Balgopal asked what is being done on the pledges that were made last year for operations and maintenance of the temple. It was suggested that we contact the pledgees and follow through with the pledges. Balgopal suggested that we locate the pledge sheet and contact people.

   Ravi suggested that we open the Hundi every last Saturday of the month. Two BOT members should be present at the time of the Hundi opening.

   Ravi suggested that it is necessary to take preapproval of the BOT for any expense above $500. Ravi said that any preapproval should also be informed to the BOT.

Balgopal gave two checks to Ravi: one for $4900 (from farmer) and the other for $1001 from a private donor.

4. Suggestion Box: RK suggested that the suggestion box be placed in a location where the devotees will have privacy when dropping suggestions. It was suggested to mount the box in a visible location such as at the exit door of the temple on the north side. This is to be informed to all devotees. The person incharge of the suggestion box should open the box before the BOT meeting.

5. Koeli mentioned the need for transparency of the minutes of the BOT meeting. The minutes of BOT meeting should be posted on the web after approval of BOT at the subsequent meeting. It was pointed out that the minutes must be written professionally and items related to monetary matters and other inter-personal comments if any should be handled with care.

6. Balgopal suggested his forming a membership committee to help recruit and upgrade new members. Two members volunteered to be on this committee: Kalindi Patel and Amita Sinha.

7. Koeli mentioned that a newsletter is in the preparation and needs help from one or two members of the community. She also needs news from the individual committees on their activities. Plan is to have quarterly newsletters. They will be available on the website as pdf files, and will be emailed to the members. Bala mentioned that the secure website is 50-70 percent complete and will be updated soon.

8. Pratap mentioned new temple timings and sought approval. These are now on the website.

9. Pratap mentioned that six major festivals and about 14 minor festivals can be organized by the temple. To that list Vishu and Onam were added. The two lists were approved by the BOT.

10. There was a discussion on the appointment of the committee for the amendment of the constitution. Several BOT members expressed their concern that the proper procedure for appointing the committee was not followed. Specifically, there was no discussion in the BOT prior to the email vote. It was decided that this issue will be discussed in the next BOT meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 3 pm