

HTCSCI Executive Committee Meeting Minutes - Nov 20th, 2016 (3PM – 4PM)

EC Trustees Present	Nani Bhowmik, Kodanda Rao Uppuluri, Kotes Guntupalli, Pradeep Khanna, Koeli Goel & Jyothi Raju (2017 member).
Proxies	Shailesh Patel & R.K. Bhonagiri to Nani Bhowmik
Absent	Amita Sinha, Kalyanasubbu Sundaravelu, Kalindi Patel, Student members: Raghavendra P Pradyumna, Sriram Chandrasekaran
Visitors	Satyanarayana G Raju & Sudha Uppuluri

- The meeting started at 3 pm with a prayer. Quorum was met.
- **Previous minutes:** Board has to approve. Therefore, no motion was made.
- **Treasurer's report:** Shailesh Patel was not present in this meeting but made his presentation in the General Body meeting on November 6th 2016. Fundraising event expenses at iHotel including hall rent, food and entertainment were paid. Food & Hall: \$4500.00. Entertainment: \$1200.00.
Gate collection: 17K. Dinner ticket sale: 13K
Total pledge amount approximately 225 to 235K. More than one half of the amount received which includes 56K of previous money donated and approximately 180K of new pledges.
Few members wanted to enhance their membership from Benefactor to Grand Benefactor. Kotes Guntupalli requested to send email reminders to people who have pledged and haven't yet paid. Brick sponsors are also need to be reminded. Shailesh Patel to provide the names to Kotes for sending the emails.
- **Temple Pujas:** Karthika Maasam pujas are going on smoothly.
Saamohika Satyanarayana Vratam on Novemver 13th 2016 was successfully performed with devotion.
Kotes has already sent the flyer for upcoming 4th annual Sri Ayyappa Swami Mandala puja celebrations scheduled from November 26th 2016 thru January 14th

2017. Devotees will sing Bhajans every Wednesday evenings during this celebration.

Sharmaji will give info on upcoming pujas: New Year's Sarvamangala Homam, Vaikunta Ekadasi January 8th, Goda Kalyanam January 13th and the list of other 2017 festivals.

- **Acknowledgement Board:** Koeli Goel proposed that HTCSCI will update membership levels twice a year in June and December. Motion: Kodanda Uppuluri, seconded by Kotesch Guntupalli.
- **IT & Media Communication:** Kotesch mentioned to redesign 2017 Website with inclusion of member's address and info under password protection visible to administrators only. BOT set & Executive Committee set. Mobile friendly and updating periodically, since member can move out.
- Annual reports to be published and available online for viewers. This will be discussed when new board comes into action.
- **Posting of minutes on the website:** All final minutes' need to be sent to Kotesch for publishing.
- **Cultural Committee:** Nani mentioned that all chairs must be board members. Then they can recruit from general members. R.K. to set up cultural programs & annual programs. This will come back for suggestions.
- **Speakers:** There was a discussion about the language of invited speakers. Nani Bhowmik mentioned that English being the universal language, the invited speakers should be speaking in English. Thoughts went around. In special cases, it may need to be translated into English by someone. Then again doubts raised about the originality of the topic if not exactly translated.
Koeli Goel mentioned that students from schools are visiting the Hindu Temple. During recent visit Panditji performed it very well in explaining the details. Koeli also mentioned that we should be proactive to the main stream local community & recommends R.K. Bhonagiri to take active role.

- **Facility and Landscape:** Nani Bhowmik mentioned that four of us are working. RK will be helping with the supplies needed in the building. Nani mentioned that we will be sending our water samples for testing. We will send a copy of the results to Public Health also will keep one copy in the temple records.

Cleaning of facility: Scheduled for every Monday at 9AM

Jyothi Raju mentioned about managing office on a regular basis. This may be an item for new board to discuss.

Snow time is right around the corner. 2" or above snow must be removed.

Shailesh Patel will oversee this & lawn mowing.

Mail Box Posting: Kodanda Uppuluri discussed with Neil Street Post Office Supervisor & approved posting of mail box inside our driveway as per the standard specification and they will deliver mail after informing them. Koeli recommended get help from our handy man Joe.

Motion to post mail box on the right side when entering: Kotes. and 2nd by Koeli.

General Body – Temple extension:

Send the plan to Naidu garu for Vastu confirmation.

3' x 3' block of Nava Grahas will be inside the main temple.

Height of extension structure should be slightly lower than main temple.

Bathrooms should be in the south side of basement. Elevator & stairs can be anywhere but in the North-East corner.

Our sincere thanks to Naidu garu for the excellent work in this extension planning process. Amitaji / Nanida / Naidu garu will work out on a rough sketch and bring to the committee & the board.

Kodanda Uppuluri expressed a doubt for clarification on GB minutes on temple extension: After Vastu clarification, engineering drawing, contract bids: once a bid is accepted is it too late for GB approval?

Winter Timings of HTCSCI (11/5/2016 – 3/31/2017)

DAY	MORNING	EVENING
Sunday	10 AM – 1:00 PM	5:00 PM – 8:00 PM
Monday	10 AM – 12:00 PM	6:00 PM – 8:00 PM
Tuesday	10 AM – 12:00 PM	6:00 PM – 8:00 PM
Wednesday	10 AM – 12:00 PM	6:00 PM – 8:00 PM
Thursday	Closed	6:00 PM – 8:00 PM (No Priest Services)
Friday	10 AM – 12:00 PM	6:00 PM – 8:00 PM
Saturday	10 AM – 1:00 PM	5:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Kotesh to send the new timings to general community by email, also post on website & mention to check website for timings.

- The meeting adjourned at 4.00 pm

Regards,

Kodanda Uppuluri