

Minutes of the Joint HTCSCI Executive Committee Meeting, March 4, 2018

Present: Pallassana Balgopal, Ramkrishna Bhonagiri, Jagannadharao Brahmamdam, Koeli Goel, Kalindi Patel, Shailesh Patel, Jyoti Raju, Amita Sinha

Proxies: Rakesh Pandey (Koeli Goel)

Koeli Goel presided over the meeting and thanked Dr. Balgopal for attending the meeting. Dr. Balgopal spoke briefly about major donors enquiring about the construction of the Cultural Center. He emphasized the need to build the Cultural within the auspicious period of Uttarayan ending on July 21.

Minutes of the EC meeting on February 17, 2018 were passed unanimously

Shailesh Patel informed the Committee that \$36,500 were raised during the Winter Ball on Feb 24 towards building the Cultural Center, bringing the total funds available to \$342,000.

Funds to the amount of \$313,455 were transferred to the jumbo money market account by Nani Bhowmik and Shiv Kapoor. Dr. Rao proposed that the Board discuss allocating fiscal responsibility to the President, Treasurer, Joint Treasurer, and Executive Committee Chair. Shailesh Patel seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

Koeli Goel proposed that a task force consisting of Nani Bhowmik, Shailesh Patel, and Amita Sinha be set up to develop the engineering drawings, bill of specifications, and the bidding process. The task force will draw upon the expertise of Annapoorna Halepatali, a practicing architect and long-standing member of the temple community, as and when needed. This motion was seconded by Dr. Rao and passed unanimously.

Jyothi Raju requested that all chairs should send her and Rakesh Pandey a short paragraph summarizing their committee activities by Mar 23 for publication in the anniversary issue of the temple newsletter Vandana.

The temple anniversary celebrations will be held on April 20, 21, and 22. They will consist of Kalash Sthapan, Abhishekam, Kalyanam, and cultural activities on Sunday April 22 3-5 pm. The temple will provide catered lunch on a rough budget of \$1500 on Saturday April 21 while dinner on April 20 and lunch on April 22 will be sponsored by devotees.

Ravi and Sarna Google have contributed \$2500 towards new vigrahas of the Ram Parivar. Dr. Rao and Mr. Naidu will take the responsibility for their installation. Shailesh Patel requested that receipts be submitted. Ramkrishna Bhonagiri moved the motion, was seconded by Shailesh Patel, and unanimously approved.

Kalindi Patel will flesh out the plan for offering food on Saturdays by Mar 18 and submit it to the Executive Committee for their approval.

Amita Sinha requested approval for planting 8 cherry blossoms on north and west sections of the pradikshina path on April 9. Country Arbors will do the planting for \$1848.96 and Amita will be responsible for watering them for the next fortnight. The trees will shade the path and add an ornamental touch to the bare landscape. Funds for trees (\$350 for each tree) will be raised during the Ram Naomi festival on Mar 25. Ramkrishna Bhonagiri moved the motion, was seconded by Kalinidi Patel, and unanimously approved.

Ramkrishna Bhonagiri informed the Committee that \$1350 have been raised for printing the temple calendar.

The next Board and Executive Committee Meeting will be scheduled on April 14/15, 2018.

Respectfully submitted by Amita Sinha