Bharatiya Temple of Lansing: Annual General Body Meeting

December 3, 2017
Time: 2:00 PM – 2:55 PM
Location: Temple

Reported by: Sapna Sood

Attendees

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<th>Mr. Mathi Ramachandran (Chairperson)</th>
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<td>Dr. Narasimha Gundamraj (Secretary)</td>
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<td>Mrs. Meena Sharma (Vice Chair)</td>
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<td>Mr. Ramesh Devaram (Treasurer)</td>
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Additional Attendees
Around 50+ temple members attended the meeting.

Agenda Item | Discussion | Action |
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Prayer by Shastriji & Panditji | Started the meeting with a prayer by Shastriji & Panditji. | |
Report by the Board Chairperson | Mathiji began the meeting by declaring the quorum for AGM. He informed everyone about the absentee of Dr. Narasimha Gundamraj due to family emergency. He gave information about various projects completed during the year 2017 – Parking Lot Pavement, Kitchen Upgrade, Renovated two basement bathrooms to name a few. He further informed about two new clubs started by the Temple: 1. BTL youth club 2. Piggy Bank club He thanked the community for great support, contribution and participation. He also thanked the Temple event coordinators for their hard work, time and effort. | |
He expressed his appreciation to both our priests by saying they are both the pillars of our Temple.

He further introduced each current Board member and extended his appreciation towards them.

| Treasurer Report for 2017 | Ramesh Devaram informed that the temple debt has been reduced by approximately 75% over the last 5 years. Reducing the mortgage balance from >$600,000 in the beginning of 2012 to $154,489.95 (As of 10/27/2017). Rameshji informed that the auditing of the Profit and Loss statement and Balance Sheet for 2017 was conducted and supervised by Mr. Uday Malavia and from our board Suman Kashyapji was observing it. The audit review was done by Ajay Bhadwarji for 2016. He further talked about the Maintenance projects during this year (2017): 1. Parking Lot Pavement cost $3,665.00 2. Kitchen Upgrade cost $19,859.38 3. Renovated two basement bathrooms cost $3,665.56 He projected the reports and walked through them. He also gave an update for the 2017 profit and loss statement as of 11/30/17. He explained that there will be changes to the 2017 statement as the transactions get posted till the end of the year. He also proposed the 2018 - Upcoming maintenance projects and Improvements: 1. Replace RTU: $6,000 2. Replace Railings (Downstairs from Main Entrance): $4,500 3. Kitchen counter top upgrade: $2,000 | Proposed 2018 budget was approved by the attendees. |
4. Replace Heating Unit and Furnace: $9,000
5. Additional Parking Lot: $20,000
6. Fencing project: $5,000
7. Auto Flush (Bathrooms): Waiting for Estimate

The annual budget for 2018 was proposed by him and approved by the attendees.

He informed that the Mortgage for Shastriji and Panditji House was paid off.

He proposed the Mortgage Payment and Rainy day/Emergency Fund Deposit
1. Payoff $20,000 towards temple mortgage- all were in favor
2. Deposit $20,000 in MSU Credit Union Rainy Day/Emergency Fund Account- all were in favor

He thanked Mr. Rajat Shah for his hard work as a Treasurer till April, 2017.

All the nominating Committee members; Dr. Subash Gupta(Chair- person), Dr. Narendra Patel(vice-chair), Dr. Ashok Gupta, Dr. Ramesh Avula and Mr. Madan Lalwani were present at the election.

Dr. Subash Gupta gave a Big Round Of Applause To BTL Outgoing Board Members:
1. Ketan Patel: term expires, eligible for another term election
2. Meena Sharma: term expires, not eligible for another term election
3. Raj Gundamraj: term expires, eligible for another term election
4. Sapna Sood: presently filling temporary vacancy, eligible for election
5. Suman Kashyap: presently filling temporary vacancy, eligible for election

All nominees were elected were elected for 3 years.
Mrs. Meena Sharma will be leaving the board January, 2018.

There were the following nominees – Ketan Patel, Narasimha Gundamraj, Suman Kashyap, Mrs. Manasi Upadhye and Sapna Sood

All the nominees got elected for 3 years. He further congratulated the new members.

**Questions from the attendees**

Bidhanji informed that looking at the current political situation and the security of the Temple was very important. Ketanji and Shastriji will be going for worship security training. Also, he informed that he had seen complaints of neighbors on the Face Book page that there were lots of noises. He suggested of having a security personal for big functions. He asked the community if they had any suggestions. Ajay Bhargav suggested having private security, having security at the door, screening the entering people.

He suggested he will be talking to the neighbors, inviting them.

Sanjay Gupta ji asked who was looking at the recording of the cameras. He stressed that we should be monitoring, should look at the traffic pattern, unknown person coming etc. Ketanji said we do have the recording but it is not monitored. He said we can always go back in case of some incidence.

Ketanji talked that he has registered for a training seminar on Worship Security Training along with Shastriji.

Mr. Madan Lalwani asked once the recording was done if we reviewed it or not. He also talked that a person can enter in the basement and cause trouble as we are not monitoring. Meena Sharma responded that it is hard to monitor 24hrs. But both Ashok Gupta and Meena Sharma said we have big screen monitors and one can see on them. Shiv Singh’s concerns were the same as Mr. Lalwani. He said with the laws changing Temple could be a place where incidents like shooting can happen.
Bidhanji talked about the wired alarm/siren we have in the basement now and with panic remotes with the priests.

Ramesh Avula suggested we should look at different options.

Mathiji informed that after the training session of Ketanji and Shastriji Temple will be doing an emergency drill may be on a Sunday Puja so that people do understand the exits and for the betterment of our community. Ketanji said main concern was person entering with a gun.

Subash Gupta said there is more to talk and easy to convince but the board should do the basics. Sanjay Gupta said this is hard to be resolved and suggested checking with MSU police too. He said it was important for the Board to see what can be done. Also suggested talking with other Temples and Churches. T.K.Bhist said one could fast forward the video clipping and address if there is any problem. Mathiji said we will come up with a plan. Meena Sharma informed that during the Diwali program she had requested the Police department for security. They said they would be doing regular patrolling but would charge $50 per hour if the security personnel stay in the lot all time. Subash Gupta said it was a reasonable amount to which a lot of the members agreed. Meena Sharma said it was the same police officer who suggested them the seminar which Ketanji and Shastriji will be attending.

Ashok Gupta appreciated the functioning of the Board.

Prashanti Bonipalli congratulated the BTL board said they did a good job, good with the budget but suggested get the newer generation involved.
Kamal Mohan said it was the best Treasurer report in 20 years. Mathiji said Madan Lalwani did a good job too. Ashok Gupta gave a vote of thanks to the Board and Madan Lalwani seconded it.

Mathiji asked the new board members for a brief introduction and after they introduced he passed a motion for the retiring board member Meena Sharma. She said she has enjoyed each moment serving the temple and she still is here.

Mathiji thanked everyone for attending and the meeting was adjourned.