

Bharatiya Temple of Lansing - Monthly Temple Board Meeting			
August 02, 2015			
Time: 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM			
Location: Temple			
Reported by : Manasi Upadhye			
Attendees			
X	Mr. Ashok Gupta		Mr. Subhash Gupta
X	Mrs. Meena Sharma	X	Mr. Mathi Ramachandran
	Mrs. Vani Avula	X	Mrs. Manasi Upadhye
X	Mr. Ketan Patel	X	Mr. Sanjay Gupta
	Mr. Gundamraj Rao		
Additional Attendees			

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action
Review of June meeting Minutes	<p>Pending Action Items from June Meeting</p> <p>Making Puja donation Tax deductible - Need to update the database so that temple puja donations can be counted as tax deductible donations and the donation receipts at the end of year can be generated accordingly.</p> <p>Boards in the temple need to be updated to say Puja donation and not fees.</p>	<p>June Meeting minutes were approved.</p> <p>Pending item for Manasi - Manasi will work with Shiv to get this done.</p> <p>Pending Action Item for Vaniji.</p>
Sump pump issue	Ketanji gave update on Sump pumps installation. Installation is complete.	
Roof Leak Issue	Ketanji gave update on Roof Leak Issue. Most of the work is done but it is hard to know that the issue is completely resolved knowing the nature of the problem.	
Kumbhabhishekam	<p>The planned date for Kumbhabhishekam in August 16th. This date may need to be moved if roof leak issue is not completely fixed.</p> <p>For now Mathiji will start working with the community members to plan the event. All the board members with help in the planning. Board will try their best to raise funds through this event. Will have the goal as \$25000/-, Kumbhabhishekam being very auspicious event.</p> <p>A crane will be ordered for an hour and</p>	Action item for Mathiji

	only the priests will be allowed to go up to perform the Pooja.	
Planning for next year's temple board	Ashokji, Sanjayji, Subhashji, Vaniji and Manasi communicated that they will be leaving the board by end of 2015. All board members will actively look for community members interested in joining the board.	
Walk Event Planning	The planned date 9 th August for the Walk event is too soon after the current fund raising activity for the temple repair work. Manasi will check if the Park is available towards the end of August to get the walk event together.	Action item for Manasi
Update by Meenaji on temple events	Meenaji gave update on temple activities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Navaratre planning is done. - Got volunteer for November First Sunday Pooja 	
Celebration of festivals at the temple by different groups	When different groups take lead in celebrating festival at the temple, it is expected that the groups try their best to raise funds for the temple and not just use the facility. All the individual contributions need to be made directly to BTL for BTL to provide receipt to the respective individuals.	
Renting of temple by external organizations on a long term basis	A thorough discussion needs to happen for taking decision on renting the temple to external organizations for a long term use. A proper contract should be in place for the same. Renting of the facility can create some funds for the temple but can also cause issues if not done thoughtfully. A rental policy is already in place for one time use of the facility and being followed.	
Task for Priests	The green folders are not up-to-date. Priest committee to request the priests to make one master folder and then get all folders updated as per the master. Have a defined deadline for this activity.	Action item for Priest Committee
Recent fund raising update	The tally from the recent fund-raising efforts for emergency repairs and the "rainy day" fund amounted to about \$46,000. The estimated repairs total is	Action Item for Sanjayji

	<p>about \$20,000. The excess collections will be kept as rainy day fund.</p> <p>A community email will be sent to conclude the fund raising activity for temple repair work. Draft will be prepared by Sanjayji. List of donors will be posted on the temple website and link can be provided in the email.</p>	
Future fund-raising	<p>Had a discussion about continued efforts to raise funds through various events. Efforts will be made to set targets to rally the groups to raise larger amounts.</p>	
Shastriji's house renovation	<p>\$10,000 allowance was approved by the board for Shastriji's house renovation. Shastriji will manage the funds and complete all approved renovation. He will provide receipts for all the work. \$10,000 includes labor and material cost.</p>	
At & T cell phone signal booster	<p>Board approved installation of At & T cell phone signal booster.</p>	
Old unused tents and Generator	<p>Board agreed to sell generator and old unused tents.</p>	
Loan approval	<p>BHARATIYA TEMPLE OF LANSING Board unanimously approved renewal of 955 Haslett Road house's loan balance of \$26,049.71 & approved that Chairperson Ashok Gupta and treasurer Subhash Gupta can sign this loan document.</p>	