

Bharatiya Temple of Lansing - Monthly Temple Board Meeting			
November 01, 2015			
Time: 2:00 PM – 3:30 PM			
Location: Temple			
Reported by : Manasi Upadhye			
Attendees			
X	Mr. Ashok Gupta	X	Mr. Subhash Gupta
X	Mrs. Meena Sharma	X	Mr. Mathi Ramachandran
X	Mrs. Vani Avula	X	Mrs. Manasi Upadhye
X	Mr. Ketan Patel	X	Mr. Sanjay Gupta
X	Mr. Gundamraj Rao		
Additional Attendees			
Mr. Rajat Shah Mr. Manoj Mohan Mr. Devesh Poddar Mr. Bidhan Redey Mrs. Prasanna Redey			

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action
Review of October meeting Minutes	No pending action items.	October Meeting minutes were approved.
Planning for next year's temple board	Ashokji, Sanjayji, Subhashji, Vaniji and Manasi will be leaving the board by end of 2015 or early next year. Manoj Mohan, Ramesh Devaram, Rajat Shah, Devesh Poddar, and Kiran Gupta will be joining the board starting next year.	
Projects Update	LED lights will be installed on East and South side of the temple for Diwali.	Ketanji will work with Bighanji and Trever.
	Fixing of Gas Leaks between kitchen and furnace area.	Ketanji will get it fixed from a licensed professional.
Treasurer Update	Current balance – 96 K Rainy day fund – 27 K – separate account	
	Received a check from devotee for \$5000/- with a request to apply the amount towards loan.	Loan Balance after this payment is \$254,234.48
Priest Committee update	Update on Meeting with Priests – To keep the puja/events on schedule – event coordinators to meet the priests two weeks in advance and come up with a time schedule and conduct accordingly without any delay in the events.	
	Phone calls attended by the priests need to be away from the sanctum area to avoid any disturbance to activity	

	happening in the sanctum area.	
	Various topics related to contract renewal for both the priests were discussed with Rameshji.	Rameshji will get the contract finalized as per the discussion with the board.
	Board decided to have the temple to temple service fee as \$400/- per day.	
	Temple to temple services will be considered as outside puja/services and priests will split the 30% of the charge.	
	It will be the responsibility of the priests to purchase their own term life insurance and then get compensated from the temple after providing a proof of insurance purchase. It was agreed that each priest will get annual amount not exceeding \$ 500 a year.	
	Starting 1/1/2016, Ramesh/Vani Avula will continue to lead Priest committee and Mrs Kiran Gupta will join the priest committee.	
Temple Activity and Diwali planning	All the dates are planned and tasks are distributed for Temple Diwali function.	
	Prasannaji gave update on Food planning for Diwali function.	
	Mathiji and Rameshji will be purchasing Diwali Fireworks. Approved amount is \$500/-	
	Ketanji got approval for using the church parking lot on Nov 14 th . Prasannaji will be getting couple of volunteers to handle parking arrangements on that day.	
	Necessary Expenses for Skandha Sasti Mahotsav and Diwali celebration like purchasing flowers etc were approved by the board.	
	Ashokji, Sanjayji and Subhashji will be handling the fund raising activity during the Diwali Program.	
Fund Raising update	Sanjayji requested that all board members should try to get at least 4 pledges from the community members.	
Suggestion of Advisory Committee	Ashokji suggested establishing an Advisory Committee. People with experience of being on the Temple Board can be part of that committee and can guide the current board if and when needed.	New board once established will decide the format and role of the Advisory committee.