

Bharatiya Temple of Lansing - Monthly Temple Board Meeting			
May 03, 2020			
Time: 2:00 PM – 3:30 PM – Zoom Meeting			
Location: Temple			
Reported by : Manasi Upadhye			
Attendees			
X	Mr. Ramesh Devaram	X	Mrs. Meena Sharma
X	Mrs. Prashanti Boinapally	X	Mrs. Sapna Sood
X	Mr Pardeep Kumar	X	Mr. Gundamraj Rao
X	Mr. Chandrashekar Rayannavar	X	Mr. Rampal Agrawal
X	Mrs. Manasi Upadhye		
Additional Attendees			

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action
Prayer	Meeting started with a prayer	
Review pending action items from previous meeting if any	<p>A puja dedicated to the Global Peace and wellbeing of the community -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Puja will happen on 4th Sunday of a month. - Can continue doing it every month if lock down continues and Corona situation remains bad. - Prashanti has volunteered her time in coordinating the puja live presentation to avoid bothering the priests - Puja committee will get the details of the puja planned - Announcement need to be send to the community once planning is done. 	Puja committee will plan the details
Finance Update	<p>Current balance information was communicated by Chandrashekarji. He shared a categorized report of expenses. He also provided explanation of few expense items as requested by Meenaji, Pardeepji and Prashantiji.</p>	

	<p>A bonus was given to the Priest for Godhadevi Kalyanam by mistake. It was decided that the bonus amount will be recovered in the next pay check.</p> <p>Bonus amount is proportional to the revenues generated through the event.</p> <p>The wording is already present in the priest contract. Bonus is given only 7 times a year for specific events.</p>	<p>Sapanaji to share the list of festivals on which bonus is given.</p> <p>Priest committee to inform the priest about the bonus recovery.</p>
Infrastructure & Operations Committee update	<p>Pardeepji had shared the committee updates. Below item were discussed –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Status of 1141 home facelift work. - Logbook to enter name when people visit temple – This is for contact tracing during the pandemic. 	
Priest Committee updates	<p>Sapnaji had shared the committee updates with the board. Board members were fine with the updates.</p> <p>The Board decided not to give any internal puja commission to the Priests starting 4th May onwards till we are functional at the temple again.</p>	
Religious Events Committee Updates	<p>Meenaji had shared the committee updates with the board. Board members were fine with the updates.</p>	
Community Outreach Committee Updates	<p>Prashantiji communicated that she can volunteer her time for one Puja a month to live-cast the puja.</p> <p>A peace puja will be planned by the Religious Events committee during the month of May for which Prashantiji will coordinate the live telecast.</p>	
Youth Committee Update	<p>Raj ji communicated that nothing much is happening within the youth committee due to the pandemic. Youth committee will actively participate during the walk event if it happens this year.</p>	
Filing for funds	<p>Updates were provided by Ramplaji and Meenaji.</p> <p>Amount applied for - \$18250.</p>	<p>In the event of Grant being approved, Rampalji and Rajji will maintain all the necessary records as proof of utilization of the grant money.</p>
Extending membership deadline from June to	<p>Board decided not to extend the deadline.</p>	

August to be eligible for vote		
Question from Haslett Library	There was a request from the Haslett Library for using the temple photo. Board approved the request.	
Fundraising for the temple and reducing the expenses	<p>It was unanimously decided to not spend money unless it is absolutely needed.</p> <p>Manasi to work on the March-April Hundi collection data entry and sending emails for the pending pledges.</p> <p>Finance committee to get the email finalized for donation appeal.</p>	
Temple Distribution Lists	<p>Information about all the existing temple distribution lists was shared by Rameshji. The list recipients were discussed and revised.</p> <p>It was decided that the established process of Puja committee Chair compiling the weekly email text will continue for this year. If any changes needed then the committee responsibilities can be updated next year.</p> <p>Shiv Sing ji will continue to send the community emails.</p>	<p>Rameshji to update the distribution lists.</p> <p>Manasi to update the process document.</p>
Next Meeting	June 7, 2020 from 2 to 4 PM.	