

Bharatiya Temple of Lansing - 12/1/2019 Annual General Body Meeting Minutes

Recorded by Prashanti Boinapally (BTL Secretary)

Chairperson Mr. Ramesh Devaram welcomed the audience and called the meeting to order at 2.15PM.

Temple priests Shastriji and Panditji performed prayer.

Mr. Ramesh Devaram introduced the current board members and extended his appreciation to each one of them. Mrs. Suman Kashyap was the only board of trustee who was not present, as she was out of country. He listed the following major maintenance projects during the year (2019) as a part of Chairperson's report.

- Parking Lot Pavement
- The Temple Sanctum Gopuram Roof Leak
- Temple Painting – Inside, Outside and Sanctum
- Slip Resistant Stairs to Basement(Rubber Coverings)
- Temple Property Repair

BTL Treasurer's report presented by Jayant Murthy. He mentioned that the mortgage balance was reduced from >\$600,000 in the beginning of 2012 to \$55,812 (as of November 30, 2019). Based on the current balance and monthly payments, mortgage will be paid by March 2021. Maintenance projects undertaken in the past year and their costs presented. Total income and various expenditures as of November 30, 2019 presented. Upcoming projects for 2020 include Temple Furnace replacement and getting new sump pumps. Proposed budget for 2020 presented and approved by AGM, motion passed.

The current BTL executive board and board of trustees introduced.

Election of new board of trustees by election and nomination committee led by Dr. Ashok Gupta; team consists of Mr. Madan Lalwani, Dr. Subhash Gupta and Mr. Mathi Ramachandran. Three positions are open with outgoing trustees Mrs. Suman Kashyap, Mr. Bidhan Redey and Mr. Jayant Murthy. Nomination committee received four nominations from Mr. Chandrasekhar Rayannavar, Mrs. Manasi Upadhye, Mr. Rampal Agrawal, and Mrs. Anjali Srivatsav with an interest to serve on BTL Board as a trustee for three year term.

Dr. Ashok Gupta said the elections will be held to elect three among the four interested members, as all four are eligible candidates for the open position. The candidate who would be left out after election process will be given first opportunity to fill the future vacant position. Every nominee was asked to provide a statement to AGM members, including their interest to serve as a trustee, and their ideas to keep BTL as a place for worship. Nominees presented themselves, except Mrs. Manasi who was absent and Dr. Subhash Gupta read out her statement.

Mr. Lalwani described election process along with the steps taken by the committee in detail; an email was sent out to all the members and also the community to make sure everyone received the absentee ballots. The deadline to receive the absentee ballots was Nov 30th 10PM. The

election committee validated the votes received by 10PM on November 30th; members present at AGM were given the opportunity to vote. After the final count of the votes, the following members were unanimously elected at AGM as Board of Trustees for a three year term starting 2020:

1. Mr. Chandrasekhar Rayannavar
2. Mrs. Manasi Upadhye, and
3. Mr. Rampal Agrawal

Q&A Session:

1. Treasurer's report is not a balance sheet; instead call it as a balance statement and add the value of Temple properties moving forward?

A: Moving forward we will try improvising the balance updates and other suggestions to be considered.

2. The repairs done at 1141 property this year are many and large amount was spent? Why?

A: This year priest committee decided to visit all the properties Temple owns and do the needed. Some issues were noticed in that property, to assure safety of the occupants we had to take immediate action and fix them; hence these steps were taken. Seven years ago too this house was in bad shape, the property Temple owns is aged. Priest committee will continue to do these visits periodically moving forward.

3. Is there a budget allotted for the 1141 property moving forward?

A: A committee is working in regards to this matter, they will make a wise decision by Dec 30th 2019 for the best interest of BTL; considering the equity of the home, current home status and value of the home. As of now this committee has explored and discussed the various possibilities, a final decision is yet to be made. A rental agreement/ contract with priests is prepared to account for the property.

Mr. Ramesh thanked the attendees and adjourned the meeting at 3.42PM.