

Bharatiya Temple of Lansing: Board meeting

January 4, 2015

Time: 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Location: Temple

Reported by : Manasi Upadhye

Attendees

X	Mr. Ashok Gupta	X	Mr. Bidhan Redey
	Mrs. Meena Sharma	X	Mr. Mathi Ramachandran
X	Mrs. Vani Avula	X	Mr. Sanjay Gupta
X	Mr. Madan Lalwani	X	Mrs. Manasi Upadhye
X	Mr. Ketan Patel	X	Mr. Subhash Gupta
X	Mr. Gundamraj Rao		

Additional Attendees

Mr. Pradeep Kumar

Mrs. Joanne

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action
Review of December meeting Minutes	No pending action items from December GB meeting.	Meeting minutes were approved.
Welcome new members & thanks to outgoing members	Board expressed sincere thanks to the outgoing members – Mr Bidhan Redey and Mr Madan Lalwani and gave a warm welcome to the new members – Mr Ketan Patel, Mr Subhash Gupta and Mr Gundamraj Rao.	
Election of Officers	Board unanimously elected Subhashji as Treasurer, Manasi as Secretary and Gundamrajji as Co-Secretary.	
How to lower consumer energy bills	Pradeepji presented his views about various ways to lower the consumer energy bills. - Educating the priests to program the thermostat, checking out an option of digital lock for the thermostat box just to name a few.	Pradeepji will work with Ketanji to take further steps to regulate heating different areas in the temple as necessary on different days of the week.
Project completion update	There are few issues related to painting and bathroom. Need to collect existing temple keys from various people and re-distribute amongst the temple board members and the priests.	Ashokji and Ketanji will take necessary action.
Township letter about planting new trees	Bidhanji gave update about the issue. He also suggested an option of putting a fence around the property.	Board will revisit the issue during spring and take necessary action.

Priest committee update	Vaniji gave update about the Health Insurance for both the priests and Shastriji's leave request.	Rameshji has sent a detail email to the board. Board need to take action on Shastriji's balance leave from last year.
Treasurer update	Madanji gave the update – Loan balance – \$316,410/- Bank Balance – \$86,842/- He also shared a document about Temple Accounting Policy and Procedures for the guidance of Temple Program Coordinators and Volunteers.	
Creation of different committees	<p>Following committees were established to effectively manage the facility and various temple activities.</p> <p>BTL Nominating and Election Committee:</p> <p>BTL Accounts Audit Committee: Uday/Bidhan</p> <p>BTL IT Committee: Manasi-Chair</p> <p>BTL Employee Contract and Legal Committee: Ashok-Chair / Vani -Co Chair / Ramesh</p> <p>BTL Finance Committee: Subhash-Chair</p> <p>BTL Fund Raising Committee: Sanjay-Chair</p> <p>BTL Maintenance Committee: Ketan-Chair</p> <p>BTL PR & Communication Committee: Manasi-Chair / Raj-Co Chair</p> <p>BTL Puja/ Program Committee: Meena-Chair / Mathi-Co Chair</p> <p>BTL Priest Committee: Vani-Chair / Mathi / Manasi</p>	The respective Chair of the committee needs to come up with the goals and guidelines for the committee and add members to the committee as needed.
Paper Products	Bidhan volunteered for maintaining the stock of paper products.	Approved by the board.
Pongal Celebration	It was decided by the board that the \$25 per cultural program participant charge can be relaxed to encourage people to have various celebrations at the temple. The event coordinators can help in raising	Mathi, Manasi and Ashokji to meet the Tamil Sangam Board members to communicate the decision.

	funds for the temple by requesting the participants to donate.	
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