

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING HELD ON SUNDAY, NOV 15th, 2015

Present: Total 47 community members, including the Board of Directors, attended the meeting at IACCT.

The meeting convened at 12:00 PM at the temple.

Vijay Sood, Chairperson, welcomed the community members and called the meeting to order.

1. The attendees observed one minute silence in Devendra Kumar (DK) Sharma's memory, whose untimely demise was a tragic loss for the community.
2. Vijay Sood shared the proof of mailing with the attendees.
3. Copies of the 2014 General Body meeting minutes were distributed to the attendees.
4. Virendra Sood proposed and Chandrakant Patel seconded the motion to approve the 2015 meeting agenda and the minutes of 2014 GB meeting, which were published in January 2015 Newsletter. The motion carried unanimously.
5. Thereafter the agenda was followed. All the major accomplishments were shared with the attendees.
6. Vijay Sood thanked all the Board of Directors and support committee chairs for their contributions. She shared the major accomplishments for the year 2015. These include: hiring of new Panditji, Mahalakshmi Kumkum Archana followed by Homa, Balvikas group, regular meets of Swadhaya, Swaminarayan and Sai Baba groups, Yoga classes led by Sudhir Reddy and others.
7. Vijay Sood stressed the fact that we need to increase our membership. It has been the lower than usual in the past few years.
8. Sujatha Krishnamurthy shared the highlights of the Religious committee. She also shared the details of hiring the new Panditji, Shashibhushana Hebbar.
9. Sujatha Krishnamurthy also shared the highlights of the Bal Vikas Committee for the year 2015. She shared that a total of eight children attend the classes. There are now Hindi classes being offered by Poonam Gulia. Sujatha thanked Bhadra Shah for the generous support of the Bal Vikas group.
10. Rushik Patel shared highlights and updates for the IACCT Youth Group. He shared that they raised \$400 through car wash and additional funds through Valentine day's event.
11. Chetan Vyas presented the financial highlights for the year 2015. The temple is free of all debts as of June 2, 2015. Approximately \$13,000 was collected to aid victims and relief efforts for earthquake in Nepal. The total sum was equally split and approximately \$6,500 each was sent to American Red Cross and American Nepal Medical Trust. Chetan provided the details of the financial statements, including comparison of total inflow and outflow of funds for the last two years. Chetan shared that new Panditji follows the IACCT required practice of properly issuing receipts for all the poojas performed by Panditji. Copies of the financial statements are attached with the minutes.
12. Chetan shared the financial goals for the year 2016. They include building up reserves for operational costs and planning for the capital improvement projects. Damodar Golhar asked about the total amount of outstanding DITR commitment and strongly recommended the closure of the DITR project.
13. Virendra Sood as chair of Election committee, and Om Jolly and Chandrakant Patel, as Election committee members, shared that three nominations were received for the 3 outgoing board members, who have decided to serve on the board again. Thus Brij Bhargava, Vijay Sood and Chetan Vyas were declared elected to the board for a new three year term expiring on December 31, 2018. There was election for an additional board member for a period of two year term between Neetu Singh and Shalini Sethi.
14. Member comments: Damodar Golhar thanked the community for supporting the temple. He also asked the board to find a way to decorate the altar during the major festivals.
15. Kailash Bafna thanked Vijay Mehta, Sundar/Lina Hattangadi, Damodar Golhar and Shri Valvani for supporting activities of the temple in facilities and accounting. He stressed the fact that he wants the younger members to be involved in temple activities.
16. Vijay Sood thanked Pandmanabh Bhatt and Kailash Bafna for all their support throughout the year in operation of the temple.
17. Anjum Chaudhary suggested that the lunch be pulled up earlier in the day.
18. Om Jolly shared the outcome of the election for an additional Board member for a two year term. Neetu Singh was declared elected to serve on the Board for a two year term expiring on December 31, 2017.
19. Damodar Golhar moved the motion to adjourn meeting and Atul Dewan seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned.