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Meeting Minutes

A meeting of HSCF GC was held on Jun 13, 2021. It began at 9:30 AM and was chaired by Dr. Sampathkumar Shanmugam.

Attendees included:

Dr. Sampathkumar Shanmugam
Mr. T. Madanagopal
Mr. Kishore Nagamandla
Mr. Pradeep Vedi
Dr. Yash Sachdev
Mr. Deepak Aggarwal
Dr. Sambasiva Mangalampalli
Dr. Srinivas Seela
Mr. Prashanth Saoji
Mr. Dinendra Singla
Mr. Balaji Kottapak
Mr. Thulasi Krishna Bojji

Members not in attendance included:

Mr. Mahesh Kapadia

Agenda:

- Prayer
- Call to Order
- Approval of Agenda
- President's Report
- Vice President's Report
- Treasurer's Report
- Secretary's Report
- Religious Committee's Report
- Programs Committee's Report
- Communications Committee's Report



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- Fixed Assets Committee's Report
 - Maintenance Committee's Report
 - Education Committee's Report
 - Canteen Committee's Report
 - Social Service Committee's Report
 - Past President's Report
 - Patron Member's Report
 - Any Other Business
 - Adjournment

Main Motions:

None

Discussions

President's Report:

Dr. Sampath presented his report saying he wants to inform GC, and everybody that there is a lawsuit going against our temple. Though we are restrained from discussing any details of this lawsuit based on our counsellor's advice, I feel obligated to update the GC. Ravi Gandhi had filed a lawsuit against the temple before the last election. He alleges, the lawsuit claims that the approval of 2019 Bylaws was technically incorrect, so new Bylaws are invalid. He wants us to adopt 2013 Bylaws and conduct our business based on that. The parties were Hindu temple, Dr. Sampath and Madangopal who is our Bylaws chair. The essence of this lawsuit is that Ravi Gandhi wants the Slate to be reinstated which was eliminated by our Bylaws adopted in 2019. There was a hearing held in March. The Judge had dismissed my name and Madanagopal Ji's name from the lawsuit. So now the lawsuit Hindu temple Vs Ravi Gandhi is proceeding, and he had asked for an injunction to nullify the last election. Hearing will be held on July 6th. We cannot discuss this any further, So, we will move on.

Next issue is reopening the temple on a full scale. I read the details of covid surge after Memorial Day. There is a slight increase in cases in Florida and also nationwide and increase in deaths, but it is very small compared to what



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happened in the past year. So we need to discuss this and see if we can make the mask optional for our temple starting Jul 1st.

Treasurer's Report:

Pradeepji presented his report. He said, everyone should have received the financial report that I sent. Dr. Yash requested that he would like to have each month compared on its own as well as year to date.

During the budget in process one of the suggestions was that we would like to pay the mortgages off this year, given it was extremely difficult last year during Covid, I suggest that every GC member should have a commitment to raise close to 10,000\$ in new membership. So I tried to put together a spreadsheet. Pradeepji also explained about Srimad Devi Bhagwat katha celebrations.

Vice President's Report:

Madanji presented his report saying, Indianization part of the Sanctum. I have been talking to the Shilpis in India and here. He got everything ready to ship and he also wants to come but the Covid situation is preventing. It is completely locked down in Tamil Nadu. Once it is relaxed, then he is planning on coming to Kansas City. He is predicting that during the winter time, he will be able to come and finish the work here. He estimates it will take around 3 months to do whatever is left. Meanwhile, we paid and got all the Shilpams, whatever is required to Indianize the Sanctums. They are ready to be shipped.

Secretary's Report:

Kishoreji submitted his report saying, I have been working on the latest membership list. I had couple meetings with the membership committee. So we have been working on missing details of the members like address and spouse name. As per our Bylaws, by July 1st we have to post updated membership list on the website. Next week I have a meeting with the membership committee. That's my top priority right now.

we have total 5 new members this month.

Sri Harish Gowda & Smt. Vinila shyamla.



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Shri Damodar & Smt. Yashoda Bondugula
Sri Rangaswamy Ponnapan
Sri Ketan & Smt. Sheetal Patel
Sri Vaidyanath & Smt. Uma

Canteen Committee's Report:

Mr. Krishna presented his report saying, so total amount we collected is 185K total so far. It is beyond the budget. It is good that the devotees are coming in and it is packed and on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, the volunteers and GC members are able to manage the crowd. We are trying to improve the quality as well as the inventory. We are also working on reducing the food wastage. That also we are keeping in mind so we can save some more money. I am also working on the TV connection. I can connect a laptop inside so that we can display the order number we are serving so it will be visible. It is very difficult to manage, especially when it very crowded. Speaker and mike system is not working to announce those orders. I will make sure it works and if not I will buy something to manage those things. With the help of Deepakji and our President, we are making extra seating outside. I think it will be ready in a month, so this summer we can start using that. So that is a really great achievement. People are using the kiosk outside whenever we are busy so that is working well. That is another reason of people not leaving. They are ordering and waiting for the food. Earlier if there was a long queue, people would leave. I think because of the Kiosk and other things the revenue is increasing.

Religious Committee's Report:

Maheshji was not present so Dr. Sampath gave a highlight. I hope everyone got a chance to read the report. Maheshji has mentioned about the programs we did and what we will do in the future. The priests met with me and Maheshji and we had emphasized that the priests wear the mask.

Below are the details of Maheshji's report details.

1-We have celebrated Vaishali vishakam and Durga ma Pooja .

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- 2- We are getting busy with the Priest services outside temples specifically on weekend and sometimes it is difficult to manage one Priest at the temple all the time. We have decided in last meeting with all Priest that in such a circumstance we might have lunch break of one hour for one Priest who is at the temple all day.
- 3-We are still working on Priest service rate changes. It will be done by this Month end.
- 4- Along with Our treasurer we are working on Priest insurance & salary breakdown to show salary and insurance separately instead of combined total.
- 5- As our priest services is not busy on Monday to Thursday, I am thinking of giving some kind of discount to devotees who use Priest services during this time Monday to Thursday except holidays and main religious events. I will try to bring this proposal to next GC meeting.

Fixed assets:

Prashantji presented his report and said, you all know about the senior housing project. We did send a survey email to the community, and I am glad to inform you that we received an overwhelming response. However, it may not be a correct number to judge on because we did not send any details in the email about the criteria or the pricing or other details of the housing. We at least got the number of how many people are interested and when we need we can always approach them later. We are going to send the next email with all details with the criteria, price and everything. Hopefully, we will get the price of the house maybe this week or next and then we will send the email. Also, in my report I said that if we get more number of people interested than the number of houses then our committee will meet again and revisit the criteria. We already met once to revisit the criteria, but we did not come up with the final. So, we will meet again to revisit the criteria if we have more people interested. I can give you a rough figure and almost 110 people showed interested to buy house. But all don't come under our criteria. Only approx. 46 life members showed interest and 50+ nonmembers showed interest. So we can use this data to contact them later on.

Next is that we ordered the Murtis for DwaraGanapati and Hanumanji. The Murtis are ready. I spoke with the vendor yesterday. He said that they are ready to be shipped. So now we have to make the final payment. We have to get the exact amount of payment. Once we make the payment, within 2-3 days he will be able to ship in a week of time. He said that because of the



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Covid situation, it will take approx. 60 days to reach here instead of 45 days. So hopefully we will get the Murtis within 2 to 2 and Half months. He will take care of the insurance. That is already covered in the price. Also, the Murtis are coming to Tampa. We will personally go with our contact person. We will get it all cleared and get the Murtis here.

Maintenance committee:

Yashji submitted his report and said, We urgently need a supervisor or a manager. For example, when something needs to be fixed at our house, someone is there to watch over them. But here there is no one. So we really need someone to supervise them.

Another topic is about the Pathshala building here. As you know it was in bad shape. So by spending over 7 hours with my handyman we have made it livable, workable and usable. We fixed 2 big holes in the roof, broken doors in the back room, and put new flooring in 3 rooms. I put good material there. The painting has been done. Everything works in the kitchen. It is all fixed. Only thing left is air conditioning and I have been after Sanjay and have called him 3-4 times. He came 1 time, but there is some problem that only air condition people can fix. It is an old house, so maybe we will have to put new air conditioner. The house is old, so they don't have the central lines kind of thing. So hopefully, we saved around 50,000\$ by working personally and I am also taking care of the materials we are using.

Program committee:

Mr. Balaji presented his report and said, as you all know that we had India fest virtually last time. For the Independence Day on Aug 15th, we are planning to celebrate physically in the temple. I have informed my program committee members that we want to cancel the parade this time because parade is full of small kids. We have huge Balavihar group doing the parade. Those kids are not vaccinated yet and so we don't want to do parade this time. We are keeping the age group 12+ as participants in the program.

I spoke to New Age group, Madan Aroraji also because usually the Republic Day and Independence Day are conducted by them, and we used to coordinate with them to do it. So When I spoke to him, he also agreed because this time Aug 15th is on a Sunday. We are planning to do it from 11:00am to 1:00pm.



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The New Age will preside over the function, and they will bring someone as speaker for the program. Usually, Madan Aroraji and Dev Sharma used to bring someone as speaker. The function will start and there will be some cultural programs and it will end with the Lunch.

Communication committee's report:

Raviji gave his report and said, last time I mentioned that I went through the membership management software evaluation. I saw the demo with all 3 and I am still working with them to get the final pricing and compare it with our current system. They will give me a quote hopefully by next week. I think I will schedule a call next week to finalize which approach we are going to go with.

Patron member's report:

Deepakji gave his report saying, we had the Covid vaccination from Seminole county and it went well. We had both of them. I think success rate is very high in Seminole County, so covid cases should be down here. I am still working on the roof for patio outside. We have number of different scenarios to look at. We measured the size. I already sent you one proposal. But we looked at couple others and I will keep you informed.

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 11:00 AM by Dr. Sampathkumar Shanmugam.


Kishore Nagamandla
Secretary GC, HSCF

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