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## **Meeting Minutes**

A meeting of HSCF GC was held on Jul 11, 2021. It began at 10:00 AM and was chaired by Dr. Sampathkumar Shanmugam.

### **Attendees included:**

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

### **Members not in attendance included:**

Dr. Yash Sachdev  
Dr. Srinivas Seela

### **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



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- Communications Committee's Report
  - 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:**

The motion to pass the approval of meeting minutes dated Jun 13, 2021 is unanimously approved.

## **Discussions**

Dr. Sampath presented his report saying we are now back to the pre-pandemic hours of the temple. We have been monitoring the Covid data and the CDC website. There is a real increase in the cases after July 4th especially in FL. So, we will keep the mask mandate for now. We are doing all our weekly, monthly and annual programs and people are attending in person. We have a big function coming up that is Devi Bhagwat Katha. We need all your support to bring in sponsors so that we reach our goal of paying off the mortgage. Please call the people you know. Call them personally and request them to make pledges.

Dr. Sampath covered for the maintenance committee report saying, Yashji is not here so I am giving you some updates as I also worked on these things. The persistent leak in the Rajgopram has been fixed. There have been several downpours, since we fixed it, but I have not seen any water coming down the ceiling. We put a tray and tube to drain the water out. Thanks to Anil Ji and Lam construction. I had spoken with the Lam construction, they will be drilling weep holes and put a camera in to look inside the slab. Mahesh bhai says there is condensation because our AC Tubes are not insulated, so the water drips whenever we run the AC.

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Sanjayji did a lot of repairs on AC in the Kitchen because all the employees complained it is very hot. But after all this being done they are not happy yet. We fixed window AC, we put extra vents. We did everything to improve the air flow but it is still hot. We are going to start painting the exterior of the pathshala next week. Yashji have bought the paint already. We will have some volunteers also come next weekend.

Deepakji is working on the canopy and the outdoor dining area. Once it is done, we will furnish the area so that people can sit down and eat. For senior housing we have approved the preliminary design. I spoke with Sureshji, and the pricing will be available in Sep. He said that to set the pricing is a very time-consuming process. He has to go to individual contractors and ask them to bid on the project. Then he gets all the pricing, and he works on the details of the pricing. There is a lot of enthusiasm, I get a lot of emails of people asking for the price. Once the proposal is finalized, I will bring it to the GC. We will make a motion to approve it and then only I will sign. Everybody will be updated before we sign any document.

Dr. Pillai has been notified about the 6 open positions. Our updated member list has been posted on the website and our notice board. Thanks to Kishore garu and Raviji. Kishore's team worked hard to update as much as we could, and Ravi posted it on the website.

Dr. Sampath continued about the report saying priests asking about the Carpet. I just want to throw this out to you guys. Should we start changing the carpet one house at a time per year? We can start doing one house at a time so that it is not that big of a burden. We are looking for a maintenance person who can do the Janitorial work and some basic maintenance work. So, if you guys come across anybody please recommend.

Pradeepji presented his report. He started by saying, basically we are on Budget, some sections are more, and some sections are less. The canteen obviously is doing very well. The priests outside services have picked up. The thing we are lacking is membership.

Right now, our biggest burden was the standing debt that we have plus no results for repairs. We might have money, it seems, in the balance sheet. But we don't because of the restricted funds. So please let's bulk up and let's bring these people and let's pay this mortgage off. That's my honest request to all

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of you. We got a fantastic program that everyone can take part in. Everyone follows Devi, so come let's take part in Devi Bhagwat and let's pay off the mortgage. Whoever your senior committee members are, please ask them to come at least the 1st day and the last day. 1st day they can participate in Rath Yatra. Also, for Navchandi havan, having the havan here we have built 9 havan kundas here rather than getting them from India. So have people come so they can have the blessings.

Madanji presented his report and provided updates on the Indianization. The Shilpi who is supposed to come and help us is in India, he made all the shilpams and got everything ready. He packed them and there are 30 boxes. He boxed everything to ship it and he is waiting for the shipping company to pick them up. They have to pick it up from 2 places, Mahabalipuram and his place is in Coimbatore. After everything is shipped, he is going to come to Kansas City. He got the visa and ticket and everything. He will come to Kansas City and work there for some time. During the wintertime, they can't do much work there and so at that time he is planning on coming here and helping us. So that is the plan so far. And I told him that once everything is shipped, don't leave Chennai unless all the boxes are shipped.

Kishoreji submitted his report saying, I have couple of major updates. I have worked with membership committee and updated the membership list. I have got the request from members. Some of the members' address was changed. So, I have updated in the Apricot system. I have also posted the latest membership list on HSCF website, and it is also available on the temple notice board. We have 3 new Members since our last GC meeting. 1 Life member is Arun Chandrashekhar and Dana Chandrashekhar. We have 2 Trustee members; first family is Shri Chandrashekhar Setumadhavan and Smt. Geeta Gopalakrishna and the second family is Ram Atmakuri and Vagdevi Atmakuri.

Mr. Krishna started presenting his report, we are still working on hiring a chef. Luckily Chandra planned to keep the wedding here. Otherwise, we have 3 weeks loss of chef, and we would have to find a chef to replace him for 3 weeks. But now as he is doing it here, we just lose 1 weekend. So, we are still finding a way to replace that weekend with someone else to continue normally and that's what we are working on. Also, we are short of volunteers. Especially during the summer not all the volunteers are available. Overall canteen looks good, quality wise good and everything going good with the help of all of you.

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Prashantji presented his report and said, about the Murtis that we ordered from Jaipur. Murtis have already been transported from Jaipur to Bombay and they are ready to be shipped from there. I already sent my approval and whatever they needed. Hopefully, they said that the Murtis will be shipped next week and if it is shipped then it will take 30 days to reach New York and from NY they will come to Tampa. We have to pick them up from Tampa. So we are hoping to get the Murtis here in a month's time.

Balaji presented his report and said, Aug 15 is Independence Day and program committee is working hard to prepare for the programs. Also, we are coordinating with the New Age group for all other stuff like the Flyers and food and everything. We established to give RSVP to Madan Arora sir. But I don't know because without RSVP we cannot prepare food for so many people in the canteen. Because of the covid situation, I don't know how many people will physically come to the temple. This is 1st physical event. I am saying that from HSCF point of view this is the 1st physical event after couple of months now. So typically, we used to see around 70 to 80 people max for the Independence Day.

**Adjournment:**

Meeting was adjourned at 11:30 AM by Dr. Sampathkumar Shanmugam.

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Secretary GC, HSCF

07/11/2021

Date of approval