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Meeting Minutes

A meeting of HSCF GC was held on Nov 13th, 2022, in the HSCF boardroom. 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
Mr. Mahesh Kapadia
Mr. Dinendra Singla
Mr. Thulasi Krishna Bojji
Mr. Prashanth Saoji
Dr. Sambasiva Mangalampalli
Mr. Viren Chouhan

Members not in attendance included:

Mrs. Mala Karkhanis
Ms. Pratyusha Reddy
Mr. Sanjay Pathange



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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
- 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:

Madan ji made a motion to approve last month's meeting minutes and Viren ji seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.



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Deepak ji made a motion to close one bank account and move money to secure Charles Schwab money market accounts. The motion was approved unanimously.

Discussions

Dr. Sampath started with the approval of the previous meeting minutes. Viren ji requested to add a comment regarding the Tamil school. The secretary made changes and sent the updated minutes immediately.

Madhan ji made a motion to approve last month's meeting minutes and Viren ji seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Sampath ji went through the Robert rules, and importance of following Roberts rules to have productive meetings.

We received complaints about the fireworks during the Annakut program. The sheriff requested to apply for Commercial fire work permit. Prashanth ji replied they will not give permit since it's religious organization it does not require permit.

We have 2 new employees from India. Sanctum Indianization will begin in January and will start the Sanctum renovation and Indianization. Meanwhile, Shilpis will start installing Ganapathi and Veera hanuman ji in front of the temple.

Viren ji requested a action letter on Sanctum Indianization. Madhanji replied that he will provide details and work with Viren ji.

Senior housing project is in progress, and we have signed more papers related to environmental.



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Priest quarters renovation: Sampath ji mentioned he has concerns on Pradeep ji approving the contracts. He noted that proposal must come from one of the GC chairs, president reviews and brings the proposals to GC for approval. If president approves the proposal prior to a GC meeting, then he brings it to discussion in the next GC meeting. He also noted that any checks written for more than \$2,000 should be signed by the treasurer and president. During president absence vice president will sign. We have discussed this already.

Shamiana cover was not approved in the GC, and Treasurer wrote the check. We trust treasurer but he should keep the president in the loop and get his signature, but it was not done.

Pradeep ji replied that we follow the procedure. Sanjay has copied the president regarding the work related to renovation and president replied that it was approved. I will leave the checks in the front office for you to sign it. I don't have any personal interest.

Sampath Ji said he approved renovation of the priest quarters showers but did not approve the proposal to replace AC units in the priest quarters. He also noted that he was informed by Sanjay Ji that he negotiated a good price from the manufacturer of AC units, was not aware of any donation by Sanjay Ji.

Deepak ji replied that Did we get three proposals? Deepak ji mentioned we must get the proposal and approved in the GC before the work begins.

Sampath ji mentioned that Pradeep ji approved changing of all AC's. Deepak ji replied that it's a conflict of interest and why we don't have three quotes.



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Pradeep ji replied that when we did Shiv Puran katha it was all part of renovation.

Sampath ji responded the proper way to handle a project is, work with GC chair and the president approves it and discuss it in GC. And then treasurer writes the check.

Prashanth ji replied that even if the provision is in the budget, it does not mean the money can be spent without approval. If someone is raising money, they can't do the project without approval of the GC.

Election update: Sampath ji continued we have 7 candidates does anybody know of anyone is dropping? I've talked to election commissioners; they all feel that it's not worth spending 15 to 20 thousand to conduct elections by True ballot. I need a motion from GC to conduct the elections locally so we can minimize the expenses. GC members discussed and advised to follow the by-laws.

Membership update: Pradeep ji raised a question regarding someone's membership is not valid. Secretary replied that he has assigned the membership to the candidate in Dec 2020 with the details that he has gathered from Previous secretaries Chitra ji, Beena ji and worked with the Devi ji (Treasurer 2020) and updated the details in Membership software Apricot system.

Sampath ji replied that our by-laws states Secretary certifies the membership and NC takes the list from the Secretary.

Security Assessment: Nov 19th 10:00 AM Sheriff department will come and do the security assessment. They are requesting President, Vice President, Treasurer, Religious chair, maintenance



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chair, priests, and office staff to be here so that they can interview all of us.

Next Sunday, Nov 20th is GBM.

Sampath ji continued and mentioned money is in low yielding accounts. We need to move the funds to secured money market accounts and get the minimum 2% interest rate.

Deepak ji made a motion to close one bank account and move money to secure Charles Schwab money market accounts. The motion was approved unanimously.

Language School: Sampath ji mentioned "We had a motion (Tamil School is not part of HSCF) in the previous GC meeting, and I tabled it".

Sampath ji mentioned he had discussed with all the community members and made a policy that is applicable to all the user of temple facilities, but it was not discussed since most of the GC members did not attend August meeting.

After Pradeep ji' s negotiations we agreed on most of the stuff and the only outstanding issue language school is not part of HSCF.

Sampath ji continued Ravi Sarangarajan email states he is instructing how to run the Tamil school affairs consistent with HSCF.

Ashish ji clearly gave permission for Tamil school to put their notice on the Temple notice board and Tamil School schedule was on the Temple calendar.

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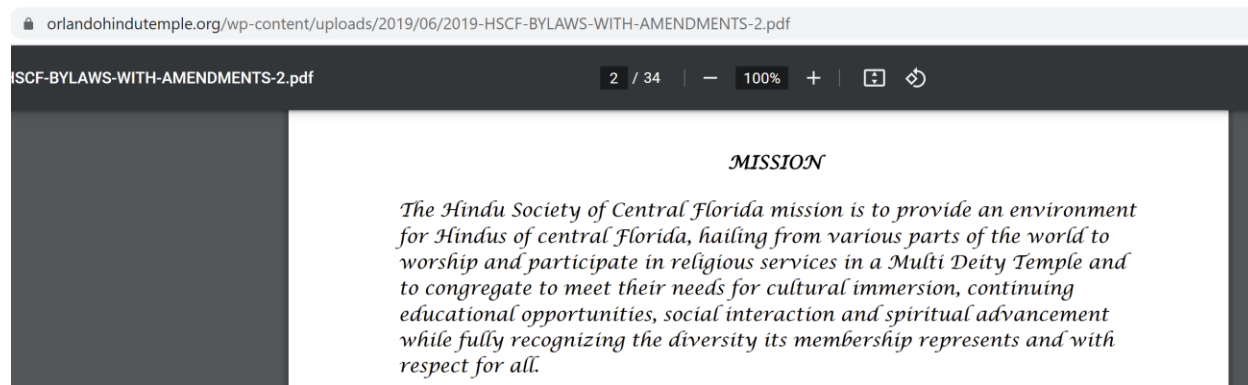
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Sampath ji asked our by-laws chair Madan ji to go through our bylaws statement. Madan ji went through bylaws and highlighted mission statement.



Sampath ji mentioned our bylaws clearly states education is part of HSCF.

Pradeep ji replied and went through the master plan document and explained about classroom and educational committee.

Sampath ji invited Dr. Pillai to enlighten us about education activities at HSCF when the temple was being built.

Dr. Pillai gave the background and explained the importance of educational activities and spread the culture of Hindu with the languages. He mentioned GC has to welcome all the language classes (Hindi, Telegu, Tamil and Marathi etc.) welcome them and promote them.

Pradeep ji replied in 2005 we discussed future of the classroom building and the master plan. We never built it. We wanted to form an education committee, yoga and etc. The committee was not formed.



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Prashanth ji mentioned We are not stopping any language classes. We are promoting all the classes. The objection is only that this is not HSCF class. One person who comes and does these classes taking benefits from HSCF is not allowed.

Samba Garu replied to the vision to form a education committee and classes are good. But no individual school needs to be associated with HSCF. Dr. Pillai replied If we are doing in the campus why can't they say HSCF Tamil Patashala, etc. Language School should be part of HSCF.

Sampath ji mentioned we (Madan ji, Kishore ji, and Deepak ji) discussed with Ashish ji (Previous GC education chair) and he mentioned that Tamil school was part of HSCF. Audio recording of conversation with Ashish Ji was played. GC members were refusing to listen to the audio conversation.

Samba Garu replied that Dr. Seela and Malaji mentioned they were not approved in previous GC.

GC members brainstormed on this issue. Sampath ji mentioned that Previous education chair (Ashish ji) said Tamil school is 110% part of HSCF. We can reverse and replace the previous GC decision with 10 votes. But Pradeep ji's motion was HSCF is not operating language classes. It's totally against our by-laws and we can't pass a motion that is against by-laws. This is not a forum to address the bylaws.

Prashanth ji replied that it was never approved in previous GC.

Sampath ji replied that I respect all our GC members. We can all Review the same information and come to different conclusions.



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Since this is against by-laws we can't discuss this any more in the GC. If anybody wants to deal with it next week in GBM, please do so. We will not discuss this issue any more in GC unless the GBM or bylaws gives us new direction.

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 11:45 AM by Dr. Sampathkumar Shanmugam

K. Nagamandla

Kishore Nagamandla
Secretary GC, HSCF

11/13/2022

Date of approval