



### **Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**

Prairie West Branch Library, 7630 w 26<sup>th</sup> Street. Sioux Falls, SD 57106,  
2/7/2018

#### **Members Present:**

*Ramesh Singh, Saravanan Vedhachalam, Sanjeev Angal, Samar Gogoi, Shyam Balaji, Vandhana Baireddy, Veera Chandrasekaran, Manohar Velpuri, Archana Chatterjee, & Kalyan Boinapalli (over phone)*

**Quorum present?** Yes

#### **Meeting Agenda:**

- Pooja Prasadam
- Plans for Holi festival
- Transfer of US Bank account to First Bank and Trust
- Empaneling Priest
- Deity Selection for Temple
- Temple opening planning

#### **Meeting Notes**

- Meeting called to order at 8:00 pm
- Meeting started with prayer
- It was decided to make arrangement of Pooja prasadam through WhatsApp group. Vandhana has volunteered to make Pooja prasadam arrangement through Wonder Women of Sioux Falls WhatsApp group. The members of the group will be requested to bring prasadam for Pooja.
- Holi will be celebrated on March 3, 2018 from 11am to 1pm at the Spirit of Peace Church with a pot luck lunch. It will start with a cultural program, music followed by lunch and socialization with limited use of colors for 15 minutes. EC members will monitor so make sure that there is no color mess in the complex.
- There are two HTOS bank accounts, maintenance account with US Bank and capital account with First Bank and Trust. Manohar Velpuri updated the challenges in working with the banks. He added that working with US Bank is more difficult due to technical problems and suggested that the account should be transferred to First Bank and Trust which will make the operation easy. Ramesh Singh moved the motion to approve the proposal and the motion was seconded by Samar Gogoi. The motion was passed unanimously with no opposing votes and none abstained. The President, Treasurer and Asst. Treasurer will be the authorized signatories.
- Manohar Velpuri, Ramesh Singh, and Ajay Kittur will work with the US Bank to close the account.

- Discussions were held regarding very limited priest availability for conducting Pooja. It was decided that email should be sent to the community for asking volunteer priests and anyone interested to learn for performing temple rituals. Dr. Dwivedi has volunteered to teach how to carryout Pooja. Ramesh will draft the email and Veera will send email to the community by 02/11/2018.
- Saravanan Vedhachalam and Manohar Velpuri suggested that all communications related to policy and major decisions of HTOS should be copied to [hindutemple.sd@gmail.com](mailto:hindutemple.sd@gmail.com) while emailing and any communication related to account should be copied to [treasury.hindutemple.sd@gmail.com](mailto:treasury.hindutemple.sd@gmail.com).
- The EC members discussed the Deities available with Kalyan Boinapalli and requirement for the Temple. It was decided that an ad hoc Deity Committee (DC) should be formed with Dr. Chandradhar Dwivedi as chair, and Dr. Thavam Pillai and Mr. Kalyan Boinapalli as members of the DC. This DC will make recommendation to the EC on or before 02/28/2018 about name of deities to be installed in the Hindu Temple.
- The interior layout of Temple for deity installation was also discussed. It was suggested that decision on layout of deities should be a priority therefore there will be a separate meeting where Ajay Kittur and Veera Chandrasekaran will give their presentations on their proposals and the final decision will be made by the executive committee. Ramesh will work with all EC members and Ajay to identify a suitable date for next EC meeting.
- The EC also discussed about the need to start working for grand Opening on the Temple. Samar suggested that a sub-committee led by Vandana Baireddy should start working to identify the dignitaries to be invited for the grand opening. Archana suggested to plan for Temple Opening at least one month after the Temple construction to make sure that any delay in construction plan does not affect the temple opening. EC will keep working on various aspects such as cultural event, priest invitation, and other logistics for grand opening of the Temple. Ramesh suggested that the date of completion should be confirmed from the contractor. Ramesh will contact Dr. Dwivedi to find out the auspicious date for Temple opening.
- The meeting ended with a brief discussion of floor options for bathroom of the temple.

*Old Business:*

- None discussed.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.