THE HINDU TEMPLE OF ST. LOUIS

Executive Committee Meeting
Minutes

Date: **Aug 10th, 2022** **Time: 7 PM** **Place:** **Cultural Center**		**Members Attendance Chart**											
Name	**9th Feb 22**	**9th Mar 22**	**19th Apr 22**	**25th May 22**	**13th Jun 22**	**12th Jul 22**	**10th Aug 22**	**Sep 22**	**Oct 22**	**Nov 22**	**Dec 22**	**Jan 23**	
Rajyalakshmi Naidu	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						**President**
Muralikrishna Puttagunta	X	X	E	X	X	X	E						**Vice President** **Chair – Operations**
Moharir Krishna Rao	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						**Secretary** **Chair - Cultural**
Sendil K Rathinasabapathy	X	X	X	X	E	X	X						**Treasurer**
Alagendran Sundararajan	X	X	E	X	E	X	X						**Joint Secretary** **Chair- Audio-video & Technology**
Hariharanath Kavuri	X	E	E	X	X	X	X						**Joint Treasurer**
Dharmavarapu Venkateswara Rao	X	X	X	E	X	X	X						**Member** **Chair- Pooja**
Kishore Janga	X	E	X	X	E	E	X						**Member** **Chair- Publications, Food/Prasadam**
Vijay K Sakshi	X	X	X	X	E	E	X						**Member** **HR Relations**
BOT Chair or Rep	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						**BOT Chair**
Total – 10													**(X–Present,** **A –Absent,** **E-Excused)**

Meeting started with Prayer by Puran Luthra

Approval of previous month meeting minutes – Approved and signed by the members present.

- EC-Team discussed STL Retiree event as there was some miscommunication and was not discussed in the EC or BOT meetings earlier.
- Temple will facilitate space for STL Retirees to meet once a month for Three hours on week days.
- Puranji will be the point of contact person to work with STL Retirees team.

Treasurer's Report –

- Treasurer presented July month's Financial Summary Report:
    - *Hundi collection was done in July month – it was about $17k.*
    - *Total Income is $156k and Expenses is $218k*
    - *Net Income for July month is -$62k (includes purchases).*
    - *The bank balance is 1,237,643.00 (from both US Bank & PNC Bank)*
- US Bank Accounts will be closed one by one and that work is under progress.
- Deposits from Automate check scanners (received from PNC) going well.
- Chairman suggested the Treasurer team to have a meeting to re-visit and review the Kalpavruksha donations/pledges list.
- Team discussed about getting additional credit cards in future and card users will be accountable for all the purchases.

Pooja committee:

Forthcoming Events / Poojas in August:

1. Friday **8/5/22**– Varalakshmi Vratham (Shravana 2nd Friday) at 6:30 PM

2. Thursday **8/11/22** – Shraavana Purnima
   A) Yajurupakarma - 6:00 AM – Samoohika Pooja to change sacred thread.
   B) Satyanarayana Puja – 6:30 PM

3. Thursday **8/18/2022** – Srikrishna Janmashtami.
   - Temple opens until midnight. Bhajans start at 8 PM.
   - Utti will be setup outside the Temple for Adults and Kids.

4. Friday **8/26/22** – Samoohika Kumkum Pooja – 6:00 PM (Shraavana 5th Friday)

5. Monday **8/29/22** – THEEJ / Harithalika Swarna Gowri Puja 6:30 PM

6. Ganesh Chaturthi (**8/30/2022 – 9/10/2022**)
   - **Tuesday (8/30)** – Ganesh Chaturthi Samoohika Puja at 6 PM
   - **Tuesday (8/30)** – Laddu auction
   - **Tuesday (8/30)** – Full Prasadam that night

   - **Sunday (9/4)** - Sahasra Modaka Ganapathi Homam at 11AM after Rudrabhishekam
   - **Saturday (9/10)** - Ganesha Nimajjan at 11:30 AM

   - Archana will be performed every day at 7 PM followed by Aarthi
   - Cultural programs will be held every day evening from 6-7 pm (**8/31 - 9/9**)
   - Prasadam will be served everyday evening on Week days, mornings & evenings on Weekends and also on Sept 10th after Nimajjan

Operations committee:

- Operations committee is working on the Utti setup outside the Temple.
- Tent has been ordered for Ganesh Chaturthi event.
- Coconut breaking fee will be paid at Manager's desk.

Audio Visual committee:

- Audio related updates will be discussed in next meeting

Prasadam/Food committee:

- During the Ganesh Chaturthi event, Prasadam will be served every day evening on week days and mornings & evenings in the weekends
- On Saturday Sept 10th, Prasadam will be served after devotees' comeback from Nimajjan.
- Kitchen committee has a meeting on August 14th to discuss further whether to open or close the Kitchen on Sunday Sept 11th.
- Kitchen/ Prasadam committee is committed to open dine-in option from Aug 20th. Cleaning is a concern and Kitchen Committee will discuss this further in their committee meeting on August 14th.

Cultural committee:

- Cultural committee had couple of meetings to discuss cultural events for Ganesh Chaturthi event
- Vedanta Society is conducting Ramakrishna Mission's 125th Anniversary celebration event in CEC on Nov 19th and Hindu temple will be facilitating the space.
- Cultural committee requested to increase the honorarium to the special invitees performing cultural programs and EC-Team & Chairman approved to increase the amount from $150 to $250.

HR committee:

- No updates

BOT Update:

- Chairman informed that Puranji will be attending the EC-meetings

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM

Approved by

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