



FORT WAYNE BHAJAN SOCIETY Inc.

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Minutes of Meeting
Board of Directors Meeting
8:00PM - 9:00PM, November 7, 2024
Zoom Meeting

Attendees:

Hitesh Patel	Ajay Gupta
Shanmugasundaram Subramanian	Pallavi Merchant
Ramesh Narang	Harish Ardeshta
Vikram Gupta	

Attendance by Proxy:

Krishnan Ramani (Proxy to Ajay Gupta / Harish Ardeshta)

Absentees:

Harish Shah	Vasant Mapara
Jyothi Venkatakrishta	Abhijit Shukla
Neerja Singh	

- The President called the meeting in session, and the meeting started at 8:03 PM.
- Pallavi Merchant motioned to approve the meeting minutes of Sep 29th board meeting, which was seconded by Hitesh Patel. All were in favor, and the motion to approve the meeting minutes was carried out.
- Abhijit Shukla initiated contacts with Dr. Reena Thapa to reach out to Hindu diaspora from Nepal. Subsequently, Ajay Gupta discussed with Reena Thapa (who contributed to Fort Wayne Bhajan Society (FWBS)) as well as the Nomination Committee and Board on nominating Reena Thapa to the Board. Subsequently, Ajay Gupta invited her to serve on FWBS Board. Reena Thapa accepted Ajay Gupta's invitation. Ajay Gupta proposed Reena Thapa's nomination to the board. Shanmugasundaram Subramanian motioned to approve Reena Thapa's nomination and was seconded by Harish Ardeshta. All were in favor, and the motion to approve Reena Thapa's nomination to FWBS Board was carried out.
- It was decided that there would be no third Sunday bhajan in November.
- It was decided that there would be a board meeting on December 15th at Universalist Unitarian Church at 2:00PM. This would be followed by bhajan and a discussion on Bhagavat Gita.
- Vikram Gupta informed the board that the website for FWBS is active and there is an option for the community members to donate funds through the website. The salient features of this option are:



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- Funds will be accepted and managed by PayPal, which charges 1.99%
 - Funds will be directed to FWBS bank account
 - E-mail gets directed to .org address, which is checked by Vikram Gupta
 - Receipts are issued by PayPal to donors directly
 - Vikram Gupta to further review this option in the next meeting whether the funds could be donated using Zelle and Venmo
- There was a general and informal discussion on catering and the general conclusion was that both caterers (Krishna and Girish Pai from South Bend) provide good service.
 - The meeting was adjourned by the President at 8:55PM.