



FORT WAYNE BHAJAN SOCIETY Inc.

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Minutes of Meeting
Board of Directors Meeting
8:00PM - 9:00PM, Monday, Feb 2, 2026
Zoom Meeting

Attendees:

Ajay Gupta	Hitesh Patel
Shanmugasundaram Subramanian	Vasant Mapara
Reena Thapa	Vikram Gupta
Abhijit Shukla	Neerja Singh
Pallavi Merchant	Krishnan Ramani

Absentees:

Harish Ardeshta	Jayesh Patel
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- The President called the meeting in session, and the meeting started at 8:35 PM.
- Abhijit motioned to approve Dec 14th Board meeting minutes, seconded by Vasant, and the motion was approved by all;
- The next discussion was about fund raising strategy:
 - Ajay recalled and summarized the past fund-raising efforts and events - small gatherings of potential donors at his residence and other member's residence as well as conducting General Body meeting that received a muted participation from our community members
 - Ajay opened the discussion on potential future activities. Ramani suggested conducting an outdoor event, potentially at Landmark center, which was supported by Neerja as well. The consensus is to have a fun filled event with food.
 - Consensus among the directors - conduct an indoor event, possibly at Unitarian Universalist church, if the event would be in Apr / May or conduct an outdoor event if the event would be in Aug
 - Neerja to explore the suitability of Schoff Park or Landmark
 - Hitesh recalled the initial strategy of earmarking about one-half million dollars in an endowment fund to support operating expenses of the center upon its completion. However, the current funds are sufficient to complete the construction. Hitesh emphasized the additional needs not only for the endowment but also for a few add-ons such as visual / audio system. Hitesh and Ramani suggested to reach out to the existing donors and new donors with idea of potentially naming parts of the center; or sign up for certain capital items as 'pot



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locking' of capital spending. Hitesh to develop a list of potential sections and other specific items that could be sent out for sponsorships

- The other concept that was discussed include how to diversify the donor based outside of FWBS community - Unitarian church, Sikh Community
- The board discussed about engaging Priest Pradeep Maharaj for Maha Shivaratri pooja and was agreed by all to engage him; and
- The meeting was adjourned by the President at 10:05PM.

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