



FORT WAYNE BHAJAN SOCIETY Inc.

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Minutes of Meeting
Board of Directors Meeting
Jul 28, 2024
Zoom Call

Attendees:

Hitesh Patel

Ajay Gupta

Shanmugasundaram Subramanian

Harish Ardeshta

Jyothi Venkatakrishna

Ramesh Narang

Krishnan Ramani

Pallavi Merchant

Absentees:

Harish Shah

Abhijit Shukla

Vikram Gupta

Vasant Mapara

- The President called the meeting in session and the meeting started at 7:05 PM.
- The summary meeting minutes of Jun 2nd meeting was generally accepted after the following discussion on catering prasadam for the events:
 - Considerable discussion centered around source of catering vs potential number of attendees for an event;
 - The proposed solution:
 - for an event with less than 50 - 60 potential attendees, cater from local resources and for greater than 60 potential attendees, cater from Krishna catering services;
 - Check with potential event sponsors, if they have a preference for catering services;
 - In a typical year, target catering from Krishna for two major events and target local services for the remaining two major events;
 - For regular Bhajans, prasadam is supported by community members as appropriate;
 - Keep the general sponsorship at \$2,000 and \$200 for partial sponsorship;
 - Jyothi Venkatakrishna to explore whether sponsorship commitment could be made through evite or in some other application such as Sign-up Sheet, Signup Genius etc., and payments could be made later.



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- The nomination committee nominated Ms. Neerja Singh to the board as a director. The nomination was motioned by Jyothi Venkatakrisna and seconded by Pallavi Merchant. The board unanimously approved (8 - 0) Neerja Singh's nomination.
 - Jyothi Venkatakrisna opened the topic of how the tenure of directors were treated in recent times:
 - Ajay Gupta pointed out that a resident of Fort Wayne or someone works in the geographical region where Society serves could be a director per the bylaws. Ajay Gupta also informed that he discussed with Viswanath Gurudutt that he could not serve in the board but continue to be part of the architectural committee;
 - Ajay Gupta also informed that he shared Preeti Jain's email when she informed him of her inability to attend / serve on a consistent basis due to her personal commitments. Ajay Gupta informed the board that there is no temporary position in the board when Pallavi Merchant suggested whether Preeti Jain could be temporarily away from the board;
 - Ajay Gupta also brought to the board's attention that some norms need to be developed for attendance of the directors for effective functioning, which will be revisited in the beginning of next year.
 - Hitesh Patel provided the following updates on Community Center development:
 - Consolidated interior plans were finalized;
 - The civil engineering firm is engaged and our work in the queue;
 - By next month, the civil engineering plan could be available;
 - Expected to bring to the board by Sep end on civil engineering plan;
 - Plan to submit the plans to city / county / state for approval and hope to get a decision by Oct end;
 - Reach out to potential contractors for bidding in Nov and soft groundbreaking.
 - The meeting was adjourned by the President at 8:10PM.