



# Shree Pashupatinath Foundation, USA

MEETING OF THE MANAGING BOARD OF DIRECTORS, 10843 KENNEY STREET, NORWALK, CA 90650 ON OCTOBER 11, 2023, 07:00 PM PST

## Minutes

The 13th meeting of the Managing Board of Directors of Shree Pashupatinath Foundation, USA was held on Wednesday, October 11, 2023, at 07:00 PM PST at the office of the Foundation in Norwalk, California.

### 1. Attendance:

S. N	Name	Position	Roll Call (Note)
1	Rameshor Bhandari	President	Present
2	Bimal Shrestha	President-Elect	Present
3	Mukunda Dhungana	Immediate past President	<b>Absent</b>
4	Ram Babu Pandey	Senior Vice president	Present
5	Chiranjibi Gautam	Vice President	<b>Absent</b>
6	Dilli (Siddhartha) Silwal	Secretary	Present
7	Subin Bhattarai	Joint-Secretary	<b>Absent</b>
8	Chakra Pani Mishra	Treasurer	<b>Absent</b>
9	Lalmati (Sona) Basnet	Joint Treasurer	Present
10	Arjun Paudel	director	<b>Absent</b>
11	Don B. Karki Chhetri	Director	<b>Absent</b>
12	Eak Prasad Pandey	Director	Present
13	Hem B Thakulla	Director	<b>Absent</b>
14	Hem Raj Rai	Director	<b>Absent</b>
15	Indra Raj Pandey	Director	Present
16	Kedar Poudel	Director	Present
17	Laxman Ghimire	Director	Present
18	Ram Raja Pandey	Director	Present
19	Shamsher B Bhandari (Subash)	Director	<b>Absent</b>
20	Tulasi Gyawali	Director	<b>Absent</b>
21	Upendra Sapkota	Director	Present



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## **Also present if any:**

Member of the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees Kosh Raj Thapaliya was also present at the meeting. Temple priest Guru Choodamani Pathak also Joined the meeting around 8:30.

## **2. Roll Call:**

President Bhandari called the meeting to order at 07:52 PM PST. Following a roll call, it was noted that a quorum was present. He started the formal proceedings.

## **3. Approval of the previous minutes**

Minutes of 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> meeting were emailed to the Board. President Bhandari requested Board members to check the spellings of their names and suggest edits.

## **4. Adoption of the Agenda:**

The Managing Board of Directors present at the meeting unanimously approved the agenda items previously sent to them via email and added some agenda. The following agenda items were tabled.

### Agenda:

1. Update on financial situation, approval of previous meeting minutes
2. ADU construction quotes on 10857 Kenney Street property
3. Planning for the upcoming Dashain and Tihar festivals
4. Continuation of Sanskrit class
5. Starting a Shiva mantra meditation session on Sundays
6. 100 days of Priest Choodamani Pathak
7. Buying audio visual Technology for Nepali Pathshala classrooms
8. Festival Calendar discrepancy and conversation with other temples in America
9. Revising Guru's temple schedule between 8-9 PM on weekends
10. Reserving two parking spaces for SPFU patrons to honor donors



## 5. Welcome and Update:

President Bhandari welcomed the Board and started the meeting.

## 6. Discussion/Decision(s):

- a. Minutes of the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12th meetings were approved by the board unanimously.
- b. BOD Laxman Ghimire presented a financial summary on behalf of Treasurer Chakra Pani Mishra, who was absent from the meeting due to health problems. Mr. Ghimire quoted that the Foundation has a cash balance of \$688,381, including \$329,459.06 of the funds collected for future Nepali Community Center (which we have named as NCC Fund). Pledged receivables are 1,768,682.78. The final expenditure of Los Angeles Spiritual Festival and Shiva Mahapuran-2023 was \$ 56,056.02. The Board unanimously approved the financial report presented by Mr. Ghimire. Mr Ghimire requested to bring a proper bill for any expenses made by members to avoid complications in the future.
- c. The Meeting requested Joint Treasurer Lalmati (Sona) Basnet to handle all bank deposits. Joint Treasurer Basnet agreed.
- d. The Board decided to contact all donors who pledged donations during “Los Angeles Spiritual Festival and Shiva Mahapuran 2023”. The Board also decided to seek help from volunteers.
- e. The Board unanimously decided to report BOD Hem Raj Rai’s continuous absence in the last 13 meetings to the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees.
- f. The Board unanimously decided to reserve two parking spaces for SPFU patrons to honor them. Gold and Platinum Patrons will be given parking privileges for six months, and the same reserved parking spaces will be rotated among other patrons based on their donations from the highest to the lowest.
- g. The Board of Directors decided to gather at the temple at 5:00 PM on Saturday, October 14, to prepare Dashain Ghar for Jamara and Ghatasthapana. Volunteers



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will be requested for assistance via Facebook posts and emails.

- h. The Board decided to serve *Prasad* (food) for all 10 days of Dashain in the morning. BOD Upendra Sapkota and BOD Eak Prasad Pandey will take the lead for prasad management. The meeting also decided to purchase at least 50 *Sel Rotis* (Nepali donuts) every morning for 10 days while additional *Sel Rotis* will be purchased on special days and weekends. The Board will seek sponsors for Puja and prasad during Dashain.
- i. The Board decided to update and discuss details for Tihar and Deusi-Bhailo in proxime meeting of the board.
- j. President Bhandari requested that Board approve the continuation of Sanskrit class, which was inaugurated on August 26, 2023, in the presence of spiritual Guru Dr. Chintamani Nath Yogi. He said a total of 11 students have signed up and paid for the class; The meeting unanimously decided to run Sanskrit class at the temple and collect \$75 from each student for a full semester. The class will be taught by Guru Acharya Choodamani Pathak.
- k. Temple priest Acharya Choodamani Pathak informed the board about the appropriate Panchanga (Calendar) for Los Angeles. He suggested to the board that it would be appropriate to use the Calendar created by “World Astro Federation”. The Board decided to take this issue to the Annual Meeting of the foundation for further discussion. President Bhandari informed the Board that it is a good idea to discuss with all existing Nepali Temples in the USA. He informed the board that he had a brief virtual meeting with all presidents of the Nepali Temples and it’s a subject of further discussion to find an appropriate solution.
- l. Acharya Choodamani Pathak further suggested that it’s a great opportunity to receive a life changing “Mantra Meditation during Navaratri”. The meeting decided to start *Mantra Sadhana* from the Day of Ghatasthapana on October 15, 2023.
- m. The Board discussed the performance of Temple Priest Acharya Choodamani Pathak during his 100 days at the Temple. The Board found his performance satisfactory.
- n. The Board decided to purchase audio visual equipment for Nepali Pathshala as early as possible.
- o. The Board decided to eliminate 8:00 PM –9:00 PM temple hours indefinitely



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because of security concerns. The temple hours should be corrected as soon as possible.

- p. The Board discussed the received quotation to build ADU in the adjacent property. To study and finalize the quotation and move forward, the board decided to form “ADU Construction Committee” as below to perform all due diligence:

1. Bimal Shrestha- Chair
2. Rameshor Bhandari- Co-Chair
3. Akaraj Pandey- Member
4. Indraraj Pandey- Member
5. Netra Mainali- Member

### 7. Adjourn:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:35 PM PST.

Sign and submitted by:

Dilli (Siddhartha) Silwal  
Secretary