



Shree Pashupatinath Foundation, USA

MEETING OF THE MANAGING BOARD OF DIRECTORS, 10843 KENNEY STREET, NORWALK, CA 90650 ON NOVEMBER 05, 2023, 10:00 AM PST

Minutes

The 14th meeting of the Managing Board of Directors of Shree Pashupatinath Foundation, USA was held on Sunday, November 05, 2023, at 10:00 AM PST at the office of the Foundation in Norwalk, California.

1. Attendance:

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



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Also present if any:

Chairperson of the Executive Committee of the BOT and Patron Bhakta Thapa, BOT EC Member and Diamond Patron Akaraj Pandey, BOT EC Member & Trustee Shyam Joshi, Trustee Sapana Sedhain Thapaliya, Advisor and Trustee Tara Gurung, Patron Rishi Dhakal and Community member Sharada Shrestha were also present at the meeting.

2. Roll Call:

President Bhandari called the meeting to order at 10:36 AM 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 the 13th meeting were emailed to the Board.

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 the financial situation of the Foundation
2. Finalizing ADU construction quotes on 10857 Kenney Street property
3. Planning for upcoming Tihar festival
4. Finalizing the date for Annual General Meeting of the Foundation
5. May we use the funds of the Foundation for additional income?
Should we have some advice from expertise?
6. May we have some expert advice on updating the Website of the foundation?
7. Update of collecting the pledged amount during Shiva Mahapuran
8. Additional Agendas if any



4. Welcome and Update:

President Bhandari welcomed the Board, The Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees and started the meeting.

5. Discussion/Decision(s):

- a. Minutes of the 13th 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 presented that the Foundation has a cash balance of \$698,343.23 including the funds collected for future Nepali Community Center (which we have named as NCC Fund). Mr. Ghimire pointed out the excessive amount of electricity bill, which was over \$1400 monthly. Upon discussing the issues, the board agreed to study the existing air condition units of the temple and seek solar option.
- c. The meeting vigorously discussed the construction of ADU in the garage of adjacent property. President Bhandari disclosed that the actual cost of building the ADU may exceed \$120,000.00 based upon the quotation received from 3 different contractors. Most of the attendees agreed that we should rather move forward with the Nepali Community Center (NCC) rather than spending majority of funds of the Foundation on ADU. The meeting suggested forming a committee to search and do feasibility study for future NCC. The meeting decided to form “Nepali Community Center (NCC) Property Study & Search Committee” Coordinated by Patron and Chairperson of BOT EC Mr. Bhakta Thapa and co-coordinated by Trustee and President- Elect Mr. Bimal Shrestha.
- d. The meeting agreed to proceed with more planned and organized Nepali Pathshala for the kids which may be useful to serve the community members. The meeting decided to send letter to tenant Prakash Pandey to vacate the house which will give opportunity to move Temple Priest to the adjacent property. Which will be beneficial to expand the Nepali Pathshala with better organized.
- e. President Bhandari informed that 3 separate events of Deusi-Bhailo are confirmed. First will be coordinated by Mr. Tilak Rana and several Nepali restaurant owners will be participate and jointly organize the event at Himalayan Grill in Huntington Beach on Saturday, November 11, 2023. The



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second one will be organized at the Temple on Sunday, November 12, 2023 and the board decided to serve prasad for the devotees. The third Deusi-Bhailo will be organized at the house of Mr. Nar Acharya and Janaki Chaulagain on Monday, November 13th, 2023.

- f. The meeting decided to prepare Deusi- Bhailo team and the BOD Tulasi Gyawali will coordinate and arrange the rehearsal and BOD Hem Thakulla will assist.
- g. The Meeting decided to organize the AGM (Annual General Meeting) of the Foundation on Sunday, December 10, 2023, starting at 10 AM until 3 PM.
- h. The Meeting decided to move majority of cash reserve of the foundation to CD (certificate of deposit) to gain some extra income.
- i. The Meeting observe the moment of silence for the victims of earthquake in western part of Nepal specially in Jajarkot. The meeting decided to raise some funds via GOFUNDME in support of the earthquake victims.
- j. The Meeting decided to receive an assistance of volunteer to raise the pledge during Los Angeles Spiritual Festival and Shiva Mahapuran-2023.
- k. The meeting decided to update the if/any documentation/progress of the NCC on the website of the foundation.

6. Adjourn:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1: 07 PM PST.

Sign and submitted by:

Dilli (Siddhartha) Silwal
Secretary