



# Shree Pashupatinath Foundation, USA

MEETING OF THE MANAGING BOARD OF DIRECTORS, 10843 KENNEY STREET, NORWALK, CA 90650 ON JANUARY 07, 2024, 10:00 AM PST

## Minutes

The 16th meeting of the Managing Board of Directors of Shree Pashupatinath Foundation, USA was held on Sunday, January 07, 2024, at 10:00 AM PST at the office of the Foundation in Norwalk, California.

### 1. Attendance:

<b>S. N</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Roll Call (Note)</b>
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	Present
6	Dilli (Siddhartha) Silwal	Secretary	Present
7	Subin Bhattarai	Joint-Secretary	Present
8	Laxman Ghimire	Treasurer	Present
9	Lalmati (Sona) Basnet	Joint Treasurer	Present
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	<b>Absent</b>
15	Indra Raj Pandey	Director	Present
16	Kedar Poudel	Director	<b>Absent</b>
17	Chakra Pani Mishra	Director	<b>Absent</b>
18	Ram Raja Pandey	Director	<b>Absent</b>
19	Shamsher B Bhandari (Subash)	Director	<b>Absent</b>
20	Tulasi Gyawali	Director	Present
21	Upendra Sapkota	Director	Present



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## **Also present if any:**

Advisor and Platinum Patron Veda Bhakta Joshi, Member of BOT EC and Diamond Patron Akaraj Pandey, Suman Dhakal, Shyam Joshi and Temple Priest Acharya Choodamani Pathak were also present at the Meeting.

## **2. Roll Call:**

President Bhandari called the meeting to order at 10:31 AM PST. Following the roll call, it was noted that a quorum was present. He started the formal proceedings.

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

Minutes of the 14<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>-A, 14<sup>th</sup>- B, 15<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>-B 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 report and approval of 14<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>-A, 14<sup>th</sup>- B, 15<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>-B meeting minutes**
- 2. Review of the year 2023**
- 3. Planning for upcoming New Year 2024**
- 4. Update on collecting the pledged amount during Shiva Mahapuran**
- 5. Additional Agendas if any**
  - a. Organizing special events on Sunday**
  - b. Sending Emails to Donors**
  - c. Sponsoring food for Sunday School**

## **4. Welcome and Update:**

President Bhandari welcomed the Board and others present at the meeting. He updated that the tentative cost of cleaning and repairing adjacent property was \$ 4500. He also informed that there in new tenant from January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024.



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### 5. Discussion/Decision(s):

- a. The minutes of the 14<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>-A, 14<sup>th</sup>- B, 15<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>-B meetings were emailed to the board and the board decided to approve this in a proxime meeting.
- b. Treasurer Laxman Ghimire submitted the financials of the year 2023. Total collection for the year 2023 was \$6,90,731.86 and the total expense was 2,37,829.00 Currently Foundation have total bank deposits of \$ 8,05,510.00.
- c. The Board reviewed the year 2023 and concluded that it was a golden year in the history of SPFU. The Board agreed to keep the momentum going in the year 2024.
- d. BOD Upendra Sapkota and President-elect Bimal Shrestha raised some issues regarding serving the community outside temple during hours. The Meeting agreed that since the temple is to serve the community, we all must cooperate to adjust in the best way possible following Temple supervision Schedule. The Meeting also agreed to review and update the priest's rates for the provided services because there were some issues in the past.
- e. Temple Priest Acharya Choodamani Pathak informed the board that we must do a special event on January 21 to commemorate the Pran Pratishtha of Shree Ram at the newly built of Shree Ram Temple in the birthplace of Lord Ram. He also advised that we could organize a Yoga Event on January 30-31 during a visit of a Yoga Teacher.
- f. President Bhandari updated the security updates and suggested to hire a staff during evening hours to facilitate raising the pledges.
- g. Vice President Chiranjibi Gautam advised the board we may send mass email to remind to donors with the current updates. He also suggested that we may do special puja and Satsang on Sundays and other special occasions to promote Sanatan dharma.
- h. Principal of Nepali Pathshala Suman Dhakal updated that the current session of Pathshala has come to an end and there is necessity necessity of end of session prizes for the kids. He also informed the Board that Pathshala team is working on smart classes and there is the requirements of 3 Chromebooks for the same. He further suggested Saraswati Puja is not too far and need to prepare for it.
- i. Platinum Patron and Advisor Veda Bhakta Joshi contributed \$ 500 for the



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Prizes for Nepali School. The Meeting thanks for his generosity.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11: 55 PM PST.

Sign and submitted by:

Dilli (Siddhartha) Silwal  
Secretary