



# Shree Pashupatinath Foundation, USA

MEETING OF THE MANAGING BOARD OF  
DIRECTORS 10843 KENNEY STREET, NORWALK,  
CALIFORNIA 90650, 11:00 A.M. PST.

## Minutes

The 9th meeting of the Managing Board of Directors of Shree Pashupatinath Foundation, USA was held on Sunday, June 18, 2023, at 11:00 AM PST at the office of the Foundation in 10843 Kenney Street, Norwalk, California 90650. The Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees were invited as well.

### **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	Present
4	Ram Babu Pandey	Senior Vice president	<b>Absent</b>
5	Chiranjibi Gautam	Vice President	Present
6	Dilli (Siddhartha) Silwal	Secretary	Present
7	Subin Bhattarai	Joint-Secretary	Present
8	Chakra Pani Mishra	Treasurer	Present
9	Lalmati (Sona) Basnet	Joint Treasurer	<b>Absent</b>
10	Arjun Paudel	director	Present
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	<b>Absent</b>
17	Laxman Ghimire	Director	Present
18	Ram Raja Pandey	Director	Present
19	Shamsher B Bhandari (Subash)	Director	Present
20	Tulasi Gnawali	Director	<b>Absent</b>
21	Upendra Sapkota	Director	Present



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## **Also present if any:**

Diamond Patron and Advisor Veda Bhakta Joshi, Chairperson of BOT EC Bhakta Thapa, Patron Rishi Dhakal, Patron and Advisor Bhim Dhakal, Diamond Patron member of EC of BOT Akaraj Pandey Trustee and member of EC of BOT Netra Mainali, Trustee Shyam Joshi and life member Indira Tripathi were present at the meeting.

## **2. Roll Call:**

President Bhandari called the meeting to order at 11 AM PST. Following a call of the roll; it was noted that a quorum was present. He started the formal proceedings.

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

Minutes of the 8th meeting were presented in this meeting.

## **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. The following agenda items were tabled.

### **Agenda:**

1. Approval of agenda, 8th meeting minutes and financials
2. Final preparation to conduct a successful Mahapuram and Fundraising for future Community Center
3. Keeping up with new Temple Priest Acharya Chooda Mani Pathak
4. Additional Agendas if any.

## **5. Welcome and Update:**

President Bhandari welcomed the Board and other attendees and presented the agenda items.

## **6. Discussion/Decision(s):**

- a. The meeting unanimously approved the agenda previously sent by email. Secretary Silwal presented the minutes of the 8<sup>th</sup> board meeting, and it was unanimously approved as well.
- b. Treasurer Mishra presented the financial updates of the SPFU, and he informed that current balance at the bank is \$320,000, which is slightly lower than last month because



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of recent maintenance costs.

- c. The board welcomed new Temple Priest Acharya Choodamani Pathak briefly before moving to the meeting hall. Secretary Silwal informed the board that Priest Pathak has agreed on the job description, and terms & conditions, and has signed contract for one year.
- d. The meeting decided to manage *prasad* every Sunday, and community members will be able to sponsor *prasad* (lunch) for one Sunday by donating \$250 or more in cash or check instead of material donations. BOD Eak Prasad Pandey, BOD Arjun Paudel, BOD Shamsheer (Subash) Bhandari, BOD Upendra Sapkota, BOT EC member Shyam Joshi, and Advisor Tara Gurung will jointly coordinate the Sunday *prasad* management.
- e. President Bhandari informed that the permit to build an Auxiliary Dwelling Unit (ADU) in the garage of the adjacent property has been pulled. BOT EC member Netra Mainali, BOT EC Akaraj Pandey and President-elect Bimal Shrestha will study and report to the board about the tentative cost and procedures to build the ADU.
- f. The meeting vigorously discussed how to make “Los Angeles Spiritual Festival and Shiva Mahapuran-2023” successful. BOT chairperson emphasized to make the broad public engagement in various ways possible. President-elect Bimal Shrestha presented and explained the concept of the proposed Nepali Community Center (NCC) in Southern California.

The meeting decided to implement the following sponsorship level to raise the funds.

- 1. Founding Donors: \$1,111
- 2. Bronze Sponsors: \$ 2,501
- 3. Silver Sponsor: \$7,777
- 4. Gold Sponsor: \$10,001
- 5. Diamond Sponsor: \$ 25,001
- 6. Platinum Sponsor: \$ 50,001
- 7. Naming Opportunities \$ 1,00,001 and up

The meeting also decided to grant the existing membership status of the SPFU with the received donations. However, upon building the NCC, only the amount donated to NCC will transfer as “Founding Member” of the NCC.

- g. President Bhandari thanked Diamond Patron Veda Bhakta Joshi for donating \$7,500 and Diamond Patron Akaraj Pandey and Neera Aryal Pandey for donating \$3,500 to complete the installment of Donors Board in the hallway of the temple entrance.
- h. The meeting decided to participate at the “Nepal Festival” organized by Hami Nepali Global, USA with SPFU banner on June 25, 2023. SPFU will also provide the dining hall for lunch (if needed) and the parking lot to gather the festival participants and



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decorate the vehicle for the parade.

- i. The meeting unanimously decided to host the interaction program of Nepal America Journalists Association (NEAJA) in the dining hall of the temple on June 26, 2023. Since NEAJA event will be helpful in promoting our upcoming "Los Angeles Spiritual Festival and Shiva Mahapuran-2023", Directors Upendra Sapkota and Madhav Pandey will coordinate with NEAJA to prepare dinner for the participants.

### 7. Adjourn:

President Bhandari thanked the attendees for participating in the meeting. There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 12:55 PM PST.

Sign and submitted by:

Dilli (Siddhartha) Silwal  
Secretary