



Shree Pashupatinath Foundation, USA

MEETING OF THE MANAGING BOARD OF DIRECTORS NORWALK, CALIFORNIA 10: 00 A.M. PST

Minutes

The 1st meeting of the Managing Board of Directors of Shree Pashupatinath Foundation, USA was held on Sunday, January 08, 2022, at 10: 00 AM 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	Absent
4	Ram Babu Pandey	Senior Vice president	Present
5	Chiranjibi Gautam	Vice President	Present
6	Dilli (Siddhartha) Silwal	Secretary	Absent
7	Subin Bhattarai	Joint-Secretary	Absent
8	Chakra Pani Mishra	Treasurer	Absent
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	Absent
15	Indra Raj Pandey	Director	Present
16	Kedar Poudel	Director	Absent
17	Laxman Ghimire	Director	Present
18	Ram Raja Pandey	Director	Present
19	Shamsher B Bhandari (Subash)	Director	Present
20	Tulasi Gnawali	Director	Present
21	Upendra Sapkota	Director	Present



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Also present, if any:

Diamond Patron Veda Bhakta Joshi and Patron and Chairperson of BOT Bhakta Thapa was also present in the meeting.

2. Roll Call:

President Bhandari called the meeting to order. Following call of the roll; it was noted that a quorum was present. He requested Director Shamsheer Bahadur Bhandari (Subash) to note the decisions of the meetings in the absence of Secretary and Joint Secretary of the board.

3. Approval of the previous minutes:

Since this was the first meeting of the new Managing Board of Directors. There were no previous minutes to be approved.

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) Introduction between Newly elected Management Board**
- (2) Planning for the year 2023/2024**
- (3) Formation of Committees**
- (4) Additional agenda if any**

5. Welcome and Update:

President Bhandari welcomed newly elected Board and he asked to table the agenda items.

6. Discussion/Decision(s):



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- (1) Introduction between the team of newly elected Managing Board of Directors was done.
- (2) President Bhandari presented the **strategic vision and Plan** for the year 2023/2024 as follows:

(a) This Board's number one vision should be to make SPFU financially sustainable. We can achieve financial sustainability by increasing new donors' participation and involvement in its financial responsibility by making them Sustainable Members – these members will contribute a certain amount every month. We can start from \$10 per month and gradually motivate community members to increase their contributions. Likewise, we can find potential big donors by highlighting our achievement so far and our goals for the future. We will enroll all members of the Managing Board of Directors, Board of Trustees in the dollar-a-day program.

(b) Construction of Auxiliary Dwelling Unit (ADU) at our property 10857 Kenney Street. This project will cost approximately \$70,000. We will raise funds to meet this cost.

(c) Construction of the temple façade. This project will approximately cost \$50,000. We will raise from Trustee and Life members, and community members.

(D) Start the groundwork for a community center. Our revised bylaws have specified the community center as the Foundation's mission, and we will start a formal process to register the DBA name for a community center under our Foundation. We need to organize special fundraising events to reach out to potential donors to collect enough donations for this new project. This is possible if we network with other Nepali community organizations and new donors. Our presentations and our sincerity to the cause of our community will motivate new donors or members. Our Board will also approach the local governments to get funding.



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(E) We will collect seed money for the community center. As the foundation for our temple was built on the commitment of donors during the 2011 Mahapuram, we need to organize a mega event to raise funds for this new project.

Our Board of Directors and I are going to provide a higher level of time commitment for two years and our team will constantly evaluate our performance.

Our board is going to form various committees to connect with our community members. We need to motivate young folks as to why our temple is important to establish our identity in this new land.

(F) This Board has plans to renovate the parking lot, which will cost approximately \$30,000.

(G) This Board also plans to prepare and sell Puja Samagri packages by establishing a small store next to the media center.

3. The Board discussed the necessity to form various committees to facilitate the smooth running of the temple activities. All agreed to proceed in proximal meeting.

4. Diamond Patron Veda Bhakta Joshi pledged \$ 15000 for new improvement projects of the temple premises. Likewise, President Rameshor Bhandari \$1001, President-Elect Bimal Shrestha \$ 501, Director Ram Raja Pandey \$1001, Senior Vice-president Ram babu Pandey \$ 501, Joint-Treasurer Lalmati (Sona) Basnet \$351 was also pledged at the meeting.



5.New Business:

The following was discussed.

- (1) Preparation for the upcoming festivals, including Saraswati Puja**
- (2) Preparation for in-person Nepali Pathashala from January 26, 2023**

6. Adjourn:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:18 PM PST.

Sign and submitted by:

Shamsheer Bahadur Bhandari (Subash)
Board of Director