



Shree Pashupatinath Foundation, USA

MEETING OF THE MANAGING BOARD OF DIRECTORS, 10843 KENNEY STREET, NORWALK, CA 90650 ON AUGUST 11, 2024, 10:15 AM PST

Minutes

The 23rd meeting of the Managing Board of Directors of Shree Pashupatinath Foundation, USA was held on Sunday, August 11, 2024, at 10:15 AM PST at the meeting hall of Shree Pashupatinath and Buddha Mandir.

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	Absent
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	Absent
S12	Eak Prasad Pandey	Director	Absent
13	Hem B Thakulla	Director	Absent
14	Hem Raj Rai	Director	Absent
15	Indra Raj Pandey	Director	Present
16	Kedar Poudel	Director	Present
17	Chakra Pani Mishra	Director	Absent
18	Ram Raja Pandey	Director	Present
19	Shamsher B Bhandari (Subash)	Director	Present
20	Tulasi Gyawali	Director	Present
21	Upendra Sapkota	Director	Present



Also present if any:

Platinum Patron and Advisor Veda Bhakta Joshi and Patron and Chairperson of BOTEC Bhakta Thapa were present at the Meeting.

2. Roll Call:

President Bhandari called the meeting to order at 10:50 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 22nd 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. The following agenda items were tabled.

Agenda:

1. Update on the financial report and approval of 22nd meeting minutes
2. Planning for upcoming Festivals/special events
3. Updates on collecting the pledged amount during Shiv Mahapuran and Buying property for NCC
4. Additional Agendas if any
 - a. Kitchen
 - b. Finalizing the hiring of a part time Employee



4. Welcome and Update:

President Bhandari opened the meeting by welcoming the Board and all attendees. He extended special birthday wishes to Platinum Patron and Advisor Veda Bhakta Joshi, who celebrated his 93rd birthday. The entire MBD joined in the celebration. President Bhandari also shared that Mr. Joshi generously donated \$10,000 to the temple in honor of his birthday on August 9. He also updated the ongoing issue with the City of Norwalk about light pole near the entrance gate.

5. Discussion/Decision(s):

- a. Treasurer Ghimire presented the financials to the meeting. He updated that total funds collected for the month of July was \$ 50,267 which included \$ 27,625 NCC pledges. Total expenses including consular camp was \$ 15,070 Total available bank deposits as of July 31, 2024, are \$ 944,725.00. Mr. Ghimire informed that NRNNCC of USA, CA Chapter has not yet paid the promised \$2500 for consular expenses.
- b. The meeting unanimously approved the meeting minutes of 22nd meeting emailed to the board previously.
- c. The meeting discussed all the necessary preparation needed for the upcoming Janai Purnima Celebration on August 19 and Shree Krishna Janmashtami on August 26th. President-Elect Bimal Shrestha informed that we have plenty of Janai (Sacred Threads) for Janai Purnima and Threads for Raksha Bandhan need to buy. Joint Treasurer Lalmati (Sona) Basnet will take care of the buying of the threads. The Board decided to arrange Quati (Sprouted Beans) and Selroti (fried Cake) as Prasad for the day of Janai Purnima. BOD Upendra Sapkota will arrange Selroti and Secretary Silwal and President-Elect Bimal Shrestha will arrange Quati. As Temple will open early at 7 AM for Janai Purnima, BOD Arjun Paudel, Joint Treasurer Basnet, BOD Subash Bhandari, BOD Ram Raja Pandey and President Bhandari will assist temple priest and supervise the process.



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The Board decided to work in the same manner for Shree Krishna Janmashtami special celebration.

- d. President Bhandari suggested that the board hold a special Zoom meeting to prepare for the Teej Festival after the celebration of Shree Krishna Janmashthami. He requested Joint Treasurer Basnet to collaborate with the Temple Priest to arrange and purchase the necessary materials for the Teej Puja. President Bhandari also highlighted the importance of fundraising or securing sponsors for the Teej Dar (Feast) and Puja. Platinum Patron and Advisor Veda Bhakta Joshi pledged \$1,000, Joint Secretary Subin Bhattarai committed \$1,000, and BOD member Subash Bhandari offered \$500 for Teej. The Board expressed their gratitude for these contributions.
- e. President Bhandari informed the board that he is contacting all the donors for the pledges made during 2023 Shiva Mahapuran. He requested all the board to start working on their pledges because property for the future community center is actively being sought.
- f. The board decided to hire a short-term employee asap. Treasurer Ghimire will take the lead and Secretary Silwal, and president-Elect Bimal Shrestha will assist.
- g. Chairperson of BOT EC Bhakta Thapa informed the board that he is actively looking the land for future NCC. He advised that we must have a broader action plan published to move forward on the project.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:25 PM PST.

Sign and submitted by:

Dilli (Siddhartha) Silwal
Secretary