



Shree Pashupatinath Foundation, USA

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

Minutes

The fourth meeting of the Managing Board of Directors of Shree Pashupatinath Foundation, USA was held on Sunday, May 16, 2021, at 10:00 AM PST at the office of the foundation in Norwalk, California.

1. Attendance

S. N	Name	Position	Roll Call (Note)
1	Mukunda Dhungana	President	Present
2	Bimal Shrestha	First Vice President	Present
3	Neera Aryal Pnadey	Second Vice President	Present
4	Dilli Thapa	Third Vice President	Present
5	Netra Mainaly	Fourth Vice President	Present
6	Rajesh Pandey	Fifth Vice President	Present
7	Rameshor Bhandari	Secretary	Present
8	Eka Dev Sharma	Joint Secretary	Absent (informed)
9	Bhim P Dhakal	Treasurer	Present
10	Kosh Raj Thapaliya	Joint Treasurer	Present
11	Chandra Siwakoti	Director	Present
12	Keshar Bhandari	Director	Absent (informed)
13	Lalmati (Sona) Basnet	Director	Present
14	Nabin K Pokharel	Director	Absent (didn't inform)
15	Ram Babu Pandey	Director	Present
16	Sushil Chaugai	Director	Absent (didn't inform)
17	Dilli (Siddhartha) Silwal	Director	Absent (informed)
18	Vacant	Youth Member	
19	Vacant	Youth Member	
20	Vacant	Youth Member	
21	Vacant	Youth Member	



Also present, if any

Trustee Chair Veda Bhakta Joshi and Patron Rishi P. Dhakal

2. Roll Call

Rameshor called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m. PST. Following a call of the roll, it was noted that a quorum was present. He requested President Dhungana to chair the meeting and start formal proceedings.

3. Approval of the previous minutes

The meeting approved minutes of the third meeting of the Managing Board of Directors of Shree Pashupatinath Foundation, USA held on May 2, 2021.

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 with approval. The following agenda items were tabled.

- (1) Approval of minutes of May 2nd meeting
- (2) Update on financial situation
- (3) Buddha Jayanti celebration: Buddhist Abbot, guest speakers and food
- (4) Consular Camp: preparation, logistics, and expense
- (5) Expansion of Temple Committees
- (6) City of Norwalk citation: Permit pulled; what's next?
- (7) Office Assistant Applicants: How to find a right candidate?
- (8) Additional agenda, if any

5. Welcome and Update

President Dhungana welcomed the board members, Trustee Chair Veda Bhakta Joshi and Patron Rishi P. Dhakal.

6. Decisions

1. Rameshor moved that the meeting approve the minutes of the third meeting held on May 2, 2021. There were no disagreements. The minutes were approved unanimously.



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2. Treasurer Bhim Dhakal presented a financial summary of three bank accounts owned by the Foundation. Total bank balance as of May 16, 2021, is \$184,297. Trustee Chair Veda Bhakta Joshi announced that he plans to donate \$15,000 on the occasion of his birthday in August this year.
3. Buddha Jayanti on May 26: VP Dilli Thapa started raising funds for the Buddha Jayanti event. Secretary Bhandari said he has contacted the Buddhist Abbot who performed Puja on Previous Buddha *Purnimas*. They have confirmed participation, but the number will be fixed before the event date. A public speaking event will be held in the temple hall and Buddhist prayers will be performed in the Buddha Room. The event will be short and will have as few speakers as possible. Secretary Bhandari will host the event. President Dhungana will chair the event. Other speakers will be decided by the President and the Secretary with approval from majority board members.
4. President Dhungana said agenda item 4 — Consular Camp: preparation, logistics, and expense —be discussed. He asked Honorary Consul General and Temple's Patron Rishi P. Dhakal to brief on the progress. Dhakal said embassy staffers will arrive in Los Angeles on the 3rd of June, and they will have camp on June 4 and 5. A total of six members, including Ambassador of Nepal to the United States, Dr. Yuba Raj Khatiwada, will stay in Los Angeles from June 3-June 5. President Dhungana proposed that the Foundation book hotel rooms for the embassy staff. The meeting unanimously decided to book four rooms in a convenient hotel for the Embassy delegates. Treasurer Bhim Dhakal and VP Bimal Shrestha will book hotel rooms in consultation with President Dhungana and Secretary Bhandari. The meeting decided to recruit volunteers to facilitate the Consular Camp. VP Dilli Thapa will manage lunch for June 4th and 5th. VP Rajesh Pandey will manage transportation. VP Bimal Shrestha will manage Internet, printers, and copy machines to provide services to the community members during the consular camp. VP Netra Mainaly will volunteer for two days. Secretary Bhandari and President Dhungana will receive the Ambassador and the staffers from the airport and manage the events to be addressed by the Ambassador.

Secretary Bhandari said the text for Veda Bhakta Joshi's award be finalized. Patron Rishi Dhakal asked board members to consider giving awards to additional community members. Board members discussed various names and award categories. President Dhungana said founder advisors be given awards. Rameshor said award should be given based on one's contribution and service to the Foundation.

The meeting decided to honor the following individuals:

1. Veda Bhakta Joshi -Lifetime Achievement Award
2. Bhakta Thapa- Excellence Award for eight years of service as the president
3. All founder advisors
4. All patrons as of today (members with \$50,000 plus donations).

Likewise, all new Life Members and Trustees will be handed out plaques at a special ceremony to be hosted in honor of newly appointed Ambassador of Nepal to the United States, Dr. Yubaraj Khatiwada, on June 3, 2021.



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Rameshor proposed that Sunday School Coordinator Shyam Joshi and Founder General Secretary Prem Guragain be honored for their services to the foundation. Their names were approved for the community service award.

5. The meeting decided to expand the Puja Committee as follows: (1) Nanu Thapa – Coordinator; (2) Bhawani Pandey – Member; (3) Monika Pandey – Member; (4) Sarita Thapa – Member; (5) Neera Pandey – Member; (6) Chakrapani Mishra – Member; (7) Netra Mainaly – Facilitator.
6. Rameshor said he went to the City of Norwalk and pulled the permit for demolition and removal of improvements made by the foundation's previous board without permit. Board of Trustee Treasurer Aka Raj Pandey will hire a contractor and restore garage to its pervious state.
7. Rameshor said Facebook advertisement has not been able to draw any appropriate candidates for the office assistant position. The meeting decided to send vacancy announcement to all community members via email.

7. New Business

Since all the agenda items were discussed, there was no new business.

8. Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 AM PST.

Signed and submitted:

Rameshor Bhandari
Secretary