



# Shree Pashupatinath Foundation, USA

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

## Minutes

The twelfth meeting of the Managing Board of Directors of Shree Pashupatinath Foundation, USA was held on Sunday, January 9, 2022, at 10:00 AM PST via zoom.

### 1. Attendance

S. N	Name	Position	Roll Call (Note)
1	Mukunda Dhungana	President	Present
2	Bimal Shrestha	First Vice President	Present
3	Neera Aryal Pandey	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	Present
9	Bhim P Dhakal	Treasurer	Present
10	Kosh Raj Thapaliya	Joint Treasurer	Present
11	Chandra Siwakoti	Director	Present
12	Keshar Bhandari	Director	<b>Absent (didn't inform)</b>
13	Lalmati (Sona) Basnet	Director	Present
14	Nabin K Pokharel	Director	<b>Absent (didn't inform)</b>
15	Ram Babu Pandey	Director	Present
16	Sushil Chaugai	Director	Present
17	Dilli (Siddhartha) Silwal	Director	Present
18	Amit Luitel	Youth Member	Present
19	Shusma Pant	Youth Member	<b>Absent (didn't inform)</b>
20	Subin Bhattarai	Youth Member	<b>Absent (didn't inform)</b>
21	Suraj Shrestha	Youth Member	<b>Absent (didn't inform)</b>



## **Also present, if any**

None

## **2. Roll Call**

Secretary Bhandari 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**

Secretary Bhandari moved the motion to approve the minutes of the eleventh meeting of the Managing Board of Directors of Shree Pashupatinath Foundation, USA held on November 21, 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. The following agenda items were tabled.

### **Agenda:**

- (1) Approval of minutes of the November 21<sup>st</sup> meeting
- (2) Update on current financial situation
- (3) Update on current temple supervision schedule
- (4) Hiring a new employee
- (5) Upcoming Maha Shivaratri program
- (6) Additional agenda, if any

## **5. Welcome and Update**

President Dhungana welcomed the board members and asked Secretary Bhandari to table the agenda items.

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

1. Secretary Bhandari moved the motion to approve the minutes of the 11<sup>th</sup> board meeting held on November 21, 2021. The meeting approved the minutes.
2. President Dhungana asked Treasurer Bhim Dhakal to talk about the current financial situation. Treasurer Dhakal said current total bank balance in Foundation's two accounts stands at \$334,600, and the foundation spends about \$5,500 on priest salary and utilities alone. Insurance cost, utilities bills, and cleaning supply bills have gone up. No new members have been added to the Dollar-a-Day program, and only about \$1,600 was collected from the program in December. Many participants' cards enrolled in the Dollar-a-Day program have been declined.



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Directors Sushil Chaugai, Eka Dev Sharma, and Dilli Silwal said we need to devise alternative financial planning to make the temple sustainable.

The meeting decided to follow up with current Dollar-a-Day program participants and add new members to the program to make the temple financially sustainable. The meeting unanimously decided to give the responsibility to President Dhungana, Treasurer Dhakal, and Joint Treasurer Thapaliya.

3. President Dhungana asked Rameshor Bhandari to update on temple supervision schedule. Rameshor said board members' involvement is very important to monitor the activities of the priest and identify problems at the temple. He said new temple supervision schedule will be sent out this week. He asked VP Netra Mainaly to coordinate with all board members in following up the supervision/visit schedule. Board members should contact VP Mainaly to reschedule their visits. During their supervision duty, board members will monitor the Priest's activities, check bathroom supplies, and clean the temple hall and surrounding area outside the temple including the parking lot.

4. President Dhungana said the fourth agenda item-hiring a new employee- be discussed. Rameshor said a potential candidate visited the foundation office on January 2, 2022, and expressed interest to work for the Foundation. President Dhungana asked Director Chandra Siwakoti to introduce the potential candidate. Siwakoti said he knew candidate Shambhu Siwakoti about eight months ago and he is good at promoting business. The candidate is pursuing his doctoral degree at a private university in Southern California, and he has good command over computer and language skills. He is willing to work part-time and volunteer at the temple certain hours.

The meeting unanimously decided to hire Shambhu Siwakoti as a part-time office manager, and the hourly compensation rate will be negotiated with him by the President and Secretary in consultation with other members.

5. President Dhungana said the fifth agenda item—Maha Shivaratri Celebration—be discussed. Rameshor said 2022 Maha Shivaratri falls on March 1, so we need to prepare for the Shivaratri celebration. President Dhungana said we need to plan for the Maha Shivaratri celebration. We need to publish and preserve our historical documents. He proposed that historical book prepared and approved by the previous Board of Directors be published and released on this year's Shivaratri. He said the history book and souvenir publication committee coordinated by Rameshor Bhandari should be continued so that project does not get delayed.

Rameshor said the book was drafted and planned to be published on 2019 Maha Shivaratri and temple inauguration program, and we need to add recent developments that took place after 2019, such as the formation of the Board of Trustees and life members. Likewise, the donors' list should be updated.

Rameshor also proposed that President Dhungana be added to the publication committee previously formed by the past Board of Directors.

The board meeting unanimously decided to publish the history book prepared during the tenure of the previous Board of Directors with additions and revisions. The meeting also unanimously decided to authorize Publication Committee Coordinator and Editor Rameshor Bhandari, President Mukunda Dhungana, and First Vice President Bimal



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Shrestha, and Founder President Bhakta Thapa to collect price quotes and finalize a publisher as soon as possible. This four-member team may add additional members to the committee as needed to finalize the history book.

## **7. New Business**

There was no new business.

## **8. Adjourn**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:20 PM PST.

## **Signed and submitted:**

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*Ramesh Bhandari*  
*Secretary*