# Shree Pashupatinath Foundation, USA

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

## **Minutes**

The fourteenth meeting of the Managing Board of Directors of Shree Pashupatinath Foundation, USA was held on Sunday, March 20, 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	Mukunda Dhungana	President	Present
2	Bimal Shrestha	First Vice President	Present
3	Neera Aryal Pandey	Second Vice President	Absent (Didn't inform)
4	Dilli Thapa	Third Vice President	Absent (informed)
5	Netra Mainaly	Fourth Vice President	Present
6	Rajesh Pandey	Fifth Vice President	Absent (informed)
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	Absent (didn't inform)
13	Lalmati (Sona) Basnet	Director	Present
14	Nabin K Pokharel	Director	Present
15	Ram Babu Pandey	Director	Absent (informed)
16	Sushil Chaugai	Director	Absent (didn't inform)
17	Dilli (Siddhartha) Silwal	Director	Present
18	Amit Luitel	Youth Member	Absent (didn't inform)
19	Shusma Pant	Youth Member	Absent (didn't inform)
20	Subin Bhattarai	Youth Member	Absent (didn't inform)
21	Suraj Shrestha	Youth Member	Absent (didn't inform)

#### **Advisors Present**

None

## Also present, if any

Trustee Chairperson Veda Bhakta Joshi

#### 2. Roll Call

Secretary Bhandari called the meeting to order at 10:30 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 thirteenth meeting of the Managing Board of Directors of Shree Pashupatinath Foundation, USA held on February 27, 2022.

## 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.

## Agenda:

- (1) Approval of minutes
- (2) Update on current financial situation
- (3) Review of Maha Shivaratri and Holi events
- (4) Repair and Maintenance update
- (5) 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 13<sup>th</sup> board meeting held on February 27, 2022. The meeting approved the minutes.



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- 2. Treasurer Bhim Dhakal presented the financial summary. The Foundation has a cash balance of about \$350,000 in three bank accounts. The dollar-a-day program has dwindled and needs to work on it.
- 3. The Maha Shivaratri and Holi events were a grand success, but trustees' participation was significantly low, and many board members didn't play active roles in event management. Guru didn't accept *Gau Daan* (gift of cash) from devotees and apparently told the Puja participants that he would not get the money donated by the devotees. This gave a negative message among community members.

  Guru Jiban Baral was called to the meeting. VP Bimal Shrestha said Guru should clarify the issue. Guru said he did not deliberately denied *Gau Daan*, but he was very busy. Another pandit was given the responsibility to give *tika* to the devotees.
- 4. President Dhungana said the fourth agenda item be discussed. He asked VP Bimal Shrestha to talk about the need for repair and maintenance work. VP Shrestha said we need to repair the parking lot and AC. We need to collect price quotes from licensed contractors.

#### 7. New Business

There was no new business.

## 8. Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:45 AM PST.

Signed and submitted:

Rameshor Bhandari

Secretary