

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

### **Minutes**

The seventeenth meeting of the Managing Board of Directors of Shree Pashupatinath Foundation, USA was held on Sunday, July 17, 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 (informed)
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	Absent (informed)
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	Present
17	Dilli (Siddhartha) Silwal	Director	Present
18	Amit Luitel	Youth Member	Present
19	Shusma Pant	Youth Member	Absent (didn't inform)
20	Subin Bhattarai	Youth Member	Absent (informed)
21	Suraj Shrestha	Youth Member	Absent (didn't inform)

#### Also present, if any

BOT Chairman Veda Bhakta Joshi, BOT General Secretary Rajendra Siwakoti, BOT Treasurer Akaraj Pandey, Advisors Rishi Dhakal and Bhakta Thapa, and Sunday School Lead Suman Dhakal

#### 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 16<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Managing Board of Directors of Shree Pashupatinath Foundation, USA held on Sunday, June 12, 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 and added some agenda. The following agenda items were tabled.

#### Agenda:

- (1) Approval of the 16<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes
- (2) Update on current financial situation
- (3) Preparation for upcoming events: Satsang with Sudhan Gnawali, Satsang with Bhola Nath Yogi, and Shrawan Monday special events
- (4) Converting our resident building garage into an accessory dwelling unit (ADU): Should we convert our parking garage into an ADU or remove all altered infrastructure?
- (5) Hosting Nepali Consular Camp in Los Angeles
- (6) Special Puran by Pandit Deen Bandhu Pokhrel
- (7) Additional agenda, if any



#### 5. Welcome and Update

President Dhungana welcomed BOT chairman Veda Bhakta Joshi, advisors Bhakta Thapa and Rishi Dhakal, BOT General Secretary Rajendra Siwakoti, BOT treasurer Akaraj Pandey, and board members, and he asked Secretary Bhandari to table the agenda items.

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

**Agenda 1:** The meeting approved the minutes of the 16<sup>th</sup> board meeting held on June 12, 2022.

Agenda 2: Due to Treasurer Bhim Dhakal's absence, this agenda was not discussed.

**Agenda 3**: President Dhungana asked Secretary Bhandari to table the third agenda. Rameshor said Satsang events to be conducted by Sudhan Gnawali and Bhola Nath Yogi have been planned, and the flyers are ready for both the events. He said he will be out of the country during these two events. President Dhungana said he will also be out of town in one of the Satsangs. He asked board members to make Shrawan (Nepali month) Mondays special by inviting community members to perform Rudhravishek. No decision was necessary.

**Agenda 4:** President Dhungana said the fourth agenda item be discussed. Rameshor said the citation letter given by the City of Norwalk is going to expire in September; we must take some action to clear the citation. Although we fixed certain things, the City Inspector wants us to fix the garage ceiling and electrical work according to the code.

Advisor Bhakta Thapa said we need to make a project masterplan and act accordingly.

Advisor Rishi Dhakal seconded Bhakta Thapa.

Suman Dhakal said 50 students are enrolled in the online Nepali Paathsala class, which is being offered for free at this time, but parents want to return to in-person learning.

BOT General Secretary Rajendra Siwakoti said investment will have no effect if we can't use it for a longer time. We need to calculate the cost of construction.

**Decision(s)**: The meeting unanimously decided to convert the garage to an accessory dwelling unit (ADU) and use it as priest's residence so that we can use the current house occupied by the priest solely for Sunday school.

The meeting also unanimously decided to replace the existing fence facing Kenney Street and make it six feet tall. VPs Bimal Shrestha and Netra Mainaly will collect price quotes and present in the next meeting. The final price quotes will be forwarded to the Trustees if the cost exceeds \$10,000.

**Agenda 5:** President Dhungana said agenda item 5 be discussed. He said new Ambassador of Nepal to the United States Prof. Shreedhar Khatri is willing to come with his team to hold a Consular Camp. We need to provide them office accommodation and sponsor their lodging.

Rishi Dhakal said we will finalize the date soon.



**Decision**: The meeting unanimously decided to host a Consular Camp at our Shree Pashupatinath and Buddha Mandir. The meeting also decided to organize an interaction and release SPFU's history book on the same occasion.

**Agenda 6:** President Dhungana said agenda item 6 be discussed. He said Pandit Deen Bandhu Pokhrel Guru is willing to conduct a special Puran during the nine-day Dashain festivities.

**Decision**: The meeting unanimously authorized President Dhungana to take a decision in consultation with the priest.

#### 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