



SRI SHIRDI SAI SAMSTHAN MICHIGAN

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General Body Meeting Minutes, Held on Sunday: May 3rd 2009 at Temple, from 3.00 PM to 5.00 PM

Meeting Started with Baba Prayer

Chairman addressing General Body Members:

Chairman informed general body members that both Executive committee and Board of Trustees are trying the best to make this is completely a transparent organization in terms of administration and THE BEST PLACE FOR DIVOTIONAL accept. Communication is the first step to make it as transparency in operations, Board met more than 5 times to discuss several important matters, which includes 3 of them are with EC participation. Also sharing the news to all the members by bulletins/news updates. As we all are volunteers of the organization, in addition to Executive committee and Board of Trustees, there are several volunteers, sub committees and without any committee devotees coming forward and helping in several day to day services. For example Pushpamala on every Wednesday, cleaning and cooking etc.

Chairman mentioned that there are several important tasks that still need to address, please bring to our notice, and be the lead to that task, work on it. There are several projects/tasks that we have noticed for example some of them can be executed, if you volunteer for that task he added. 1. Parking lot repaving and add lighting etc. before winter we want to do it, call for bids, estimate & get it done. 2. If you are interested in teaching as Guru for Sai Vidya Peeth classes, come forward and talk to our Gurus and concern EC members. 3. Put the sign boards, on the both freeways I-275 and I-96 "SRI SHIRDI SAIBABA TEMPLE". Talk to the city and estimate the cost and get it done. Updated about the Shirdi Saibaba Vighram work in progress and also planning to order for a Silver throne from Mumbai, India. A major announcement that all devotees eagerly waiting "Baba Vighraha & Pratistha project" on it's way and details explained.

Sri Rangnath, Temple priest is working very hard and trying his best to accommodate all necessary rituals, as suggested by the Religious committee. On behalf of all our members, praised and appreciated his services to Sai devotees. Also informed that appointing another priest is in progress.

Another major task that was taken up this year, to implement several process improvements, Chairman update to members, which including Rental agreement, Priest rules, purchase log, There are several best accounting control were introduced to monitor the expenditure for a better accountability of the donations. Religious committee working towards to make standardization of the events for entire year.

Chairman concluded with a note to thanking all the volunteers, that are helping to reach this far in this monumental task, with the support of thousands of devotees like you and their help in all aspects – we hope that will continue in future too. And urged all members to help and support the forth coming major event 'Baba Vighraha & Pratistha project' by giving generous donations to meet the financial responsibility.



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Executive President's update to Members :

- President applauded all the EC's, BOT's and volunteers for successfully transforming from a weekly puja to daily operations of the temple.
- Completed construction of puja mandir and bathrooms. Getting ready for phase 2.
- Installed Security, where committee has remote access to see temple through web login.
- Fire monitoring systems was installed as per city code.
- Collected and distributed food to good fellows in Livonia for thanksgiving and got appreciation letter from the Livonia City Mayor.
- Collected and distributed winter garments to children in Livonia thru good fellows.
- Conducted special events such as Karthika poornima, Datta Jayanthi, Mukkoti ekadashi, new year and Sri Ramanavami
- Conducting Satyanarayan vratham every poornima and Satcharita Parayanam on last Saturday of the month.
- Started Sai Pushpa mala sponsor program, offering garland to Baba on every Thursday.
- Mahaprasadam program was operating with a overwhelming response from devotees on every Thursday.
- Sai vidyapeeth classes continuously conducting every Thursday...special thanks to Gurus for their service in this regard. We have 50 registered members.
- Archana for 2008 fund raiser donors, as it was announced at that time and life members once in a year per their scheduled date.
- In an effort to collect the pledges, sent reminders to donors from last fund raiser
- Temple Basement has been give to the devotees for religious functions (for individuals and religious organizations) with a nominal donation.
- A 15 week program of yoga classes has been started with the help of Yoga Bharathi.

Plans for next qtr:

- Grand Gurupurnima day Celebration
- An extensive planning for vighraha prathistapana
- Open book a stall with various languages and several Saibaba Books and CD collection.
- Publish News letter
- Conduct internal audit for current year accounts. Seeking volunteers.

Finance Committee update by President

- Our Financial transaction volume has tripled so far compared to last year.
- Opened a rainy day fund that can only be used in need upon approval for all BOT's.
- Conduct internal audit for current year accounts.. Seeking volunteers..
- We will be submitting the books for this year to the external auditor, Farquharson, Pointon & Lepsetz
- Audit committee has prepared their findings and submitted a report.
 - Based on the findings some book keeping changes have to be made to the books.
 - The BOT will review the final findings and present to the general body



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- The books will be submitted to the external auditors for validation
- The ending book balance will be arrived that will be used as a starting book balance for this year.

Unaudited Financial Statement - *** computed bank balance

Opening Balance 08/17/08 ***		\$331,304	
Income		Expenses	
2008 Fundraising Donation	34,714	Temple Renovation	141,749
General Donation	18,782	Baba Vighra Project	29,668
Hundi Collections	49,130	Mortgage Payment	21,189
Life Membership	6,244	Priest Expenses	13,825
Prasadam	13,113	Monthly Utilities	10,650
Puja/Archana Donations	24,043	Prasadam Supplies	8,922
Sponsorship Donation	6,362	Building Maintenance	7,983
Temple/Building Donation	31,007	Donation Items	4,428
Baba Vighra project	26,907	Furniture	4,318
		Puja Expenses	3,480
		printing/Stationary/Adv	2,087
		Janitor Services	2,024
		Special Event Expenses	1,625
		Bank/Credit Card Expenses	1,619
		Legal Expenses	240
Total Income	210,302	Total Expenses	253,806
Book Balance on 03/31/09	287,801		
Bank Balances		Liabilities	
Bank of America	175,635	Lotus Bank - loan	\$294,000
Chase - Rainy Day Fund	10,000		
Lotus Bank	106,914		
Total Bank balances	292,549		

Construction Update by Vice-Chairman:

- **Phase 1:** Phase 1 construction is technically completed @ below \$250K set budget with couple things kept intentionally pending to co-ordinate with Phase – 2 construction. A final payment of approx \$2700 balance to be paid to DMC is also pending.
- **Phase 2:** Preliminary plans, layouts, Proposals & Budget have been proposed as we are talking. We hired Manyam Group Inc., Consultants and Architects to prepare initial plans and to over look the progress and quality of construction until its completion. Currently we are inviting bids on the proposed project after



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carefully evaluating Contractor bids, Construction Committee will approach board for the formal approval for Budget and permission to start the phase 2 project. We are anticipating to start and will be in action as soon as end of May 2009.

- **Construction Budget:** As per BOT Meeting dated: 04/08/2009 we had informal discussion on Budget for the construction committee and came up with ball park # of \$250K for Phase 2.
- **Future Projects:** Future projects that are Lined up for the Construction committee are as follows:
 - 1 Parking Lot resurfacing, re do parking mark ups
 - 2 External Lighting to lit the Parking Lot and circumference of our property
 - 3 Landscaping front side of the main building
 - 4 Audio System, with multiple channels, speakers all over the temple.

Religious Committee Update:

- Updated with all the religious programs and events done in the past until 2009.
- General Body members were updated with a standardized list of Annual Events and Programs that Samsthan will be conducting. So that there will not be any confusion for planning in future. That list will be followed by Executive committee every year. If there are any new proposals that will be discussed in the meetings and add to the list as special occasions.
- The following are the major events performed during the year:
- New Year day – Jan 1st ,Maha Shivaratri, Sri Rama navami, Gurupournami, Ganesh Chaturthy, Dusshara, Baba Maha Samadhi day, Deepavali (Laxmi cubera puja), Karthika poornima, Karthika somavaram (Dudrabhishekam on Mondays), Datta Jayanthi, Mukkoti ekadashi, Besides the above, Satyanarayan vratham is being performed on every Pourami day
- Gurupurnima will be conducting this year as 3 day event.
- Religious committee for preliminary discussions regarding Vighraha prathistapana event. Collecting procedures from various Shirdi Sai baba temples.
- A tentative plan for 5-day event and that includes: Vighraha Prathista planning started and still working with program/pooja list to prepare and talking to several different priests who can perform the prathista.

Sri Shirdi Saibaba Vighraha & Prathista project update

Sai devotees are waiting for Baba Vighraha and Prathistapana to complete as early as possible, so that devotees want to spend time at the lotus feet of Baba. Update on this project, to perform a nice and grand event Sai Samsthan Board of Trustees and Executive Committee formed an Event committee, with more than 15 sub committees which will work until the event completes. Some of the committees like Religious, Donations/Fundraising and Shipping and forwarding committees started working. As and when we get the exact schedule and date for the event, all other committees also start working, at that time devotees will be informed for seeking help in working with the committees. Please take this as a rare opportunity and privilege to be part of Vighraha Prathista, come forward to help.



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Regarding the financial requirement, to take care of the expenditure part, it was detailed all the major parts of the event, which including Cost of Marble Idol, Silver Throne, Platform with granite work, structural support and 5 day event expenses etc. was estimated to \$250k. Which Samsthan will be approaching devotees to raise the funds. Please donate generously and help in the temple development. Engaged a famous sculpture Sri Rajiv Harish Talim, grand son of Sri Balaji Vasanth Talim**, from Mumbai, India. At present the suitable Marble (a good quality from the place called Makarana, Rajasthan, India) block was identified and moved to Talim's Art Studio, Mumbai. Zealously and full of religious fervor, Sri Rajiv Talim carving Baba's Murthy for our Livonia Temple.

**Sculpture of Baba Murthy in Shirdi Temple, India

By-Laws amendment :

- As it was informed to the members on April 27th 2009, through email proposal for amendments in the election process time line and other required changes was read to the meeting by Chairman and displayed on the screen for the members.
 - Open for discussion on all the changes proposed. Several points were discussed and suggestions were noted, and most of them were answered with clarification by Chairman and other Committee members including Board of Trustees, the need and why we are attempting to do this changes.
 - All the proposals passed and resolved with a majority member's acceptance.
 - Per the past General Body meeting, it was decided to send the bylaws amendments to all the Members and to circulate the resolutions via email communication to all General Body members with a waiting period of 14 days and then amendments will come in to play accordingly.
1. Sri Shirdi Sai Samsthan Board and Executive Committee election process time line change proposal as follows (Bylaws : 7.15.2 and 9)
 2. Change the Article 1 – section 2 □ Location Address
 3. Article -11 General Provisions change the address 11.1 and 11.2
 4. Member's right changes: Right to contest in the elections for only one of the spouse at any time and single vote per membership.
 5. Board of Trustee can come back to Executive Committee through normal election process.
 6. President can come back to Executive committee through normal election process.

A detailed copy of the bylaw amendments resolutions are separately available on temple website, for your review and reply with your opinion.

Jai Sairam

Board of Trustees

Sri Shirdi Sai Samsthan MI