



# Shree Pretoria Hindu Seva Samaj

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*"Satyameva Jayate" - Truth Alone Prevails*

## MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE SHREE PRETORIA HINDU SEVA SAMAJ

**DATE:** WEDNESDAY 22 JUNE 2022

**TIME:** 5:00 PM

**VENUE:** SEVA SAMAJ BOARDROOM

**1. OPENING PRAYER AND WELCOME**

The meeting opened with a prayer and the President welcomed all those present.

**2. QUORUM**

As there were insufficient members present to form a quorum, the President declared that the meeting would proceed as an informal one. All decisions taken will need to be ratified at the next meeting.

**3. ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES**

*Attendees:* Rameshbhai Chhagan, Vinaybhai Chagan, Manishaben Lakha, Nayantaben Naran, Upendrabhai Parmar, Vijaybhai Naran. Rakeshbhai Kara attended in his capacity as office assistant.

*Apologies/Absent:* Khushibhen Nandani, Dhvinsibhen Valand, Ketanbhai Parmar, Mansiben Nandani, Jasminben Govind, Harshadbhai Pema and Kalpanaben Kuverjee.

**4. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None

**5. PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO MINUTES**

None

**6. APPROVAL OF AGENDA & MINUTES**

The minutes and agenda were approved on the motions of Vinaybhai & Nayantaben.

7	CORRESPONDENCE	
7.1	<b>INCOMING:</b>	
7.1.1	Received request from Mansukhbhai Chhiba to have the wording of the logo changed.	
7.1.2	Received invitation from HCOI to attend function on 9 May 2022 at High Commissioner's residence.	
7.1.3	Received email from Jagdishbhai Makan for assistance with sound management and the provision of WIFI in the mandir.	
7.1.4	Received request to meet with Prajay Ramjee of Prajay Patrollers.	
7.1.5	Received a request from community member to verify in English details on her birth certificate.	
7.1.6	Received mail from OUTsurance that they will compensate the Samaj for damage to carpets over recent rains.	
7.1.7	Received request from the Laudium Golden Senior Citizens to use the dining room for meeting	
7.1.8	Received and circulated notice from High Commission of a video making competition	
7.1.9	Received invitation from the World Hindu Foundation (SA) to participate in a competition around World Yoga Day	
7.1.10	Received and accepted a virtual meeting to discuss new proposed marriage bill.	
7.1.11	Received and circulated bursaries offered by Sasol	
7.1.12	Correspondences from Pravika's Kathak Kendra	
7.1.13	Received and circulated the New India Samachar	
7.1.14	Received congratulatory message from RISHI on the mandir's 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations	
7.1.15	Received a request from RISHI to use Mandir on 9 July for satsangs	
7.2	<b>OUTGOING:</b>	
7.2.1	Sent out notice of available Sasol bursaries to the community.	
7.2.2	Sent out various notices for AGM held on 8 May 2022	
7.2.3	Sent out invite to community to comment on request received to change Samaj logo.	
7.2.4	Letter of appreciation to Manilalbhai Rama for photographic services rendered over the years.	
7.2.5	Circulated Minutes of Exco Meeting held on 29 April 2022	
7.2.6	Circulated minutes of previous AGM held on 8 May 2021.	
7.2.8	Informed Ravi Govender that auditorium has been booked for him for International Yoga Day	
7.2.9	Letter to parent confirming that his child is a student at the Balmandir School	

8	MATTERS ARISING	RESPONSIBLE
8.1	<p><b><i>Migrate Marabastad Tenants to Debit Order system.</i></b></p> <p>Kalpanaben had reported that no progress has been made on obtaining a solution to the current Netcash system the Samaj has which does not allow for debit orders exceeding R1 600. This is because the Samaj has an NGO package. Harshadbhai reported that he will resolve this matter within the next few weeks.</p> <p>Carried forward to the next meeting.</p>	Harshadbhai

8.2	<p><b>Samaj Legal Status</b></p> <p>Rameshbhai reported that he and Harshadbhai had met with Mahier of Tayfin to discuss the risk to the Samaj's non-profit status because of income from Marabastad property. Mahier assured them that SARS had changed its regulations to allow non-profit companies to receive money from profit-making activities provided the income is still used for charitable purposes.</p>	Rameshbhai
8.3	<p><b>India's Liberation Heroes</b></p> <p>Harshadbhai is still in process of researching however Rakeshbhai has been asked to look at 4 editions back of the India Samachar then after forward the India Samachar to all Exco members.</p>	Harshadbhai Rakeshbhai
8.4	<p><b>Mandir Dome Repairs</b></p> <p>Outsurance has only paid out a small amount for the damage to the dome and roof of the mandir as their assessor concluded that much of the damage to the dome was from lack of maintenance. Quotes are now being received for the repairs to the dome and roof of the mandir.</p>	Vinaybhai Vijaybhai
8.5	<p><b>ONLINE GUJARATI CLASSES BY JAYSHRIBEN</b></p> <p>Jayshriben reported that she will not be doing online classes due to the poor Internet connectivity in the area where she stays. She has reported that she will resume classes every Saturday from 10.30am to 1pm at SPHSS starting from 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2022.</p>	Jayshriben

**A. Activities / Achievements for Month**

➤ **Samajchar:**

- Balmandir New Application poster created.
- Sound System tested by Pritesh, all is in order and working condition.
- Updated and loaded new banking details for the Balmandir.
- Assisted in photocopying and printing for Balmandir.
- Follow-up on the MTN Fixed LTE WIFI deal.
- Reported Shivling Pipe Blockage to Vinay kaka.
- Reported Mandir pipe burst to Vinay kaka.
- Reported Office door locks to be repaired to Vinay kaka.
- Captured Balmandir fees.
- Uploaded Minutes of the meeting on the website and sent out.
- Planning on 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary.
- Circulated New India Samachar on WhatsApp.
- Planning for the upcoming Senior Citizens meeting for the 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2022.
- Downloaded the Gujarati Movie called “Dear Father” for the Senior Citizens.
- Created a draft copy of the Gujarati Calendar, waiting for Sunilbhai to confirm if all is in order.
- Organizing IDY Function’s needs.
- Buying gas for the heaters to be used in the IDY Function.
- Request received from Ravi to create the IDY Advert.
- Created International Day of Yoga advert.
- Editing Mandir’s 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary videos.
- Completing June Samachar 2022

➤ **Finance:**

- Receipts have been captured.
- Petty cash balances.
- Deposits done.
- Mandir 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary donations R45,557.00

➤ **Website uploads / Social media:**

- Notices sent out on WhatsApp.
- Uploaded Notice of meeting for April 2022 on the Samaj website.
- Circulated to the community minutes of executive committee meeting held on 29 April 2022.
- Updated membership database.
- Uploaded ADS on Facebook, Instagram & TikTok.
- Videos and Pictures taken for the 50<sup>th</sup> Mandir Anniversary.
- Circulated UNICAF: 300 Scholarships for Online MBAs.
- Circulated New India Samajchar on WhatsApp.

- Circulated International Day of Yoga advert on WhatsApp
- Balmandir Funday Facebook live video taken and uploaded.
- **Priest Booking:**
  - Sent out payment request & confirmation letters for Priest booking.
  - Total Daxina received in the month of April 2022= R5822.00.
  - Total Daxina received in the month of May 2022= R5062.00
- **Complaint / Compliment:**
  - No complaint / compliment received.

<b>B. Upcoming Activities for Next Month</b>
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- Send Stage Curtains for cleaning.
- Send Mandir Curtains for cleaning.
- Planning for 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.
- Marketing of Samaj Auditorium.
- Look for Content for August Samachar.

Rakesh Kara

**10 TREASURER'S REPORT**

None

**11 EDUCATION REPORT**

None

**12 RELIGION & CULTURE PORTFOLIO REPORT**

None

### 13 SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO REPORT

<b>REPORTING MONTH:</b> May & June 2022	<b>APPROVED BUDGET:</b> R2,000
<b>NAMES OF PORTFOLIO MEMBERS:</b> Manisha Lakha, Jasmine Govind	
<b>TWO YEAR PLAN (2021/2022) / FOCUS AREAS / AIMS &amp; OBJECTIVES</b>	
<b>May 2022</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Movie shown – “Hellaro” on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2022, in conjunction with Gujarati Day- Ketanbhai &amp; Nayantabhen overlooked the event. +-100 people attended, out of which +-15 were Seniors Citizens. Cost for Seniors was free, others paid a nominal fee of R20.00.</li><li>• No other events were held for the Seniors as the Samaj had the Bollywood show on 14 May 2022, and the Bhajan Mela on 29 May 2022.</li></ul>	
<b>June 2022</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• No events were held</li><li>• Next event is a Mothers &amp; Father’s Day event to be held on 02 July 2022. Movie, Dear Father to be shown in the MMC center, tea &amp; refreshments will be served. Poster and advertisement to be circulated via Social media/SMS by no later than 24 June 2022.</li></ul>	

### 14 FACILITIES & FUNERAL REPORT

- Mandir Domes to be fixed - Still in process
- Mandir Water Pipe burst – Fixed
- Shivling drain blocked – Fixed
- MMC Window broken – Fixed
- Shivaji’s Flat Basin - followed up today, he has confirmed that he has repaired the basin, waiting for him to provide pictures on the work that was done.
- Fixed Samaj Stove - Mall’s Electronics got the parts to come and install, Samaj Stove was fixed.
- Office door locks - Fixed

### 15 NAVYUG MANDAL REPORT

None

## **16 MULTI-MEDIA CENTRE REPORT**

Balmandir Computer classes will only begin when the MTN Router Arrives. Rakeshbhai confirmed with MTN that it would take 5 to 7 Working days for them to deliver the router, thereafter he can start the computer classes.

## **17. GENERAL / NEW MATTERS**

- **Air show**

Vijaybhai suggested that the Samaj hire a stall at the Military Air show taking place shortly. This was agreed to. He will get more information and provide in the next meeting.

- **Planning for the 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

Jasminben was appointed co-ordinator for the planning of the anniversary celebrations. She will meet with team and report on plans at the next meeting.

- **Printing of the Gujarati Calendars**

It was decided that Kayama Printers will be asked by Rakeshbhai to print only 250 Calendars. Rakeshbhai to ask Kayama if they would sponsor printing this year.

- **Shivling Mandir**

The Shivling mandir outside the main mandir is in need of repairs. Vijaybhai offered to have all repairs done at his expense. He will meet with Ketanbhai to agree on what needs to be done. over the weekend.

Outside the Mandir Vinaybhai and Vijaybhai will try and match some tiles to see if they can get stock to seal the Burst water pipe.

- **Mandir's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Donations**

Letters of thanks to be sent out.

- **Stage & Mandir Curtains**

According to the Samaj Maintenance & Cleaning schedule, the stage curtains of the auditorium and mandir are due for cleaning. Rakeshbhai to contact Rohitbhai Bhana.

- **Mandir Horns**

Three of the four horns liked to the loudspeaker are cracked and need replacement. Priteshbhai Bhana has sent a quote of R2 000 each. Vijaybhai to obtain a further quote.

## **18 NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is scheduled for 26 July 2022 in the Samaj Boardroom at 7pm

## **19 CLOSING PRAYER**

The meeting ended with a closing prayer at 7pm.

**DHVINSI VALAND**  
SECRETARY GENERAL

**RAMESH CHHAGAN**  
PRESIDENT