



Shree Pretoria Hindu Seva Samaj

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MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE SHREE PRETORIA HINDU SEVA SAMAJ HELD IN THE SPHSS BOARDROOM:

DATE: Thursday 20 February 2025

1. OPENING PRAYER AND WELCOME

The meeting commenced at 4:12pm with a prayer. The President welcomed all the attendees.

2. QUORUM

The meeting was declared duly constituted by the President as the requisite quorum as prescribed by clause 17 of the Samaj Constitution had been met.

3. ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

President	Sanjay Govind (SG)
General Secretary	Jayniksha Ramjee (JR)
Assistant Secretary	Minoti Bhatt (MB)
Chief Financial Officer	Nipun Jeeva (NJ)
Head of Facilities Management	Vineet Rama (VR)
Admin Office	Rakesh Kara (RK)
Head of Special Projects	Harshad Dajee Pema (HDP)
Head of Education	Miheer Joshi (MJ)

Apologies/Absent:

Deputy President	Himal Ramjee (HR)
Head of Youth Affairs (Navyug Mandal)	Yamini Bhima (YB)
Health, Welfare and Gender	Manisha Lakha (ML)

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sanjaybhai apologised for the delay in distribution of the September 2024 minutes, due to the minutes being signed off late by him.

5. PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO MINUTES

None

6. APPROVAL OF AGENDA & MINUTES

Approved by Minotibhen and seconded by Harshadbhai

7. CORRESPONDENCE

7.1	INCOMING
7.1.1	Email from RISHI for use of Mandir for Ram Navmi - 6 April 2025, 2pm to 5pm. The event is open to the public. RISHI is welcome to use the Mandir, however, a sound engineer will be needed for the sound system.
7.2	OUTGOING
7.2.1	Letter to Mayor of Tshwane – SPHSS Marabastad Land Addressed under Matters Arising point 8.4

8.	MATTERS ARISING	RESPONSIBLE
8.1	<p>Costs for the funeral undertakers</p> <p>A meeting was held with Poonees and Centurion Undertakers. Sanjaybhai, Nipunbhai, Vineetbhai and Minotibhen had a meeting with Bharatbhai Kooverjie to discuss the cost of a funeral. Bharatbhai reviewed the costs and requested that he speak to Poonees for a better price. After the review by the funeral committee, the draft was sent to a few past and present trustees for their input. The notice informing the community with the estimated cost of a funeral will be sent out to the community within the next week.</p>	<p>VR</p> <p>SG</p>
8.2	<p>Treasurer position</p> <p>No progress – should be filled within 90 days</p>	All
8.3	<p>Toshiba Offer – Another quotation is needed</p> <p>Not discussed</p>	
8.4	<p>Marabastad Land</p> <p>After the article was printed in the Laudium Sun on the 31 January 2025, within two days the mayor's office responded.</p> <p>The MMC for Shared Services called up a meeting for the 3rd February and then a follow up meeting for the 10th February. Sanjaybhai, Harshadbhai and Himalbhai attended both meetings.</p> <p>Vineetbhai read out the summary of the meeting sent by Himalbhai: Three MMCs were in attendance on 10 February 2025. The MMC for shared services whom the mayor has tasked to work with the SPHSS to resolve the issue, the MMC for Community Safety and the MMC for economic development (under whom this issue rests). They gave an undertaking that the City of Tshwane will hand over the land free of vendors by the 31st March 2025 as the deadline date.</p> <p>They have tasked their teams to come up with a plan of action by next week working back from the 31st March 2025.</p> <p>Furthermore bi-weekly meetings will be scheduled to discuss and track progress and action items.</p> <p>The next meeting will be held on Monday, 24 February 2025. Time to be confirmed by the MMC.</p> <p>Sanjaybhai contacted the town planners to start with the consolidation of the plots and to close the road.</p>	

	<p>The City of Tshwane was requested to transfer the street and the lane between the plots, to the SPHSS. The application was sent to the council a year ago.</p> <p>The MMC has acknowledged receipt of the documents relating to the land.</p> <p>By the 14/15 March 2025, the security guards will be approached to secure the land. Contractors must start digging and preparing the land by 1 April 2025.</p>	
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9. OFFICE ADMINISTRATORS REPORT

The Admin and Priest Bookings report was presented.

10. FINANCIAL REPORT

Monthly financial report as at 31 January 2025.

Income and Expenses	
Description	Amount
Monthly Income	403 783
Monthly Expenses	(180 291)
Monthly Surplus	223 492
Cash Position	
Cheque Account	243 809
Money on Call	695
Call	6 422 126
Petty Cash	1 132
Total	6 667 762

The **Financial Statement** preparation is underway for the audit. The Financial Statements should be ready by the end of February 2025.

11. EDUCATION REPORT

Student loans and bursaries

There were sixteen applicants, which is a record for the last few years. Nipunbhai, Miheerbhai and Sanjaybhai were on the panel. There are challenges with Indian nationals as international student fees charged is much more (not subsidised) than the local fees. The requirement was almost R700 000. The need is greater, being greater than the available R174 000 loan and R26 000 bursaries. A separate fund raiser is necessary to increase the funds for loans/bursaries.

12. RELIGION & CULTURE REPORT

Upcoming Events:

Bhoomi Pooja - 23 February 2025

Arrangements were discussed. Tents will be put up. Torans will be made on Friday afternoon and Saturday morning.

Shivratri – 26 February 2025.

Invitations to bhajan mandals was sent out and a meeting was held with the representatives.

Miheerbhai to arrange transport for the Tukkies students. Other arrangements were discussed.

Holi – 13 March 2025. Arrangements have been made.

Activities for Following Months

Ram Navmi - 6 April 2025, 9:30am to 12:30am. Bhajans will be rendered by bhajan groups in the morning. Lunch will be served thereafter.

Hanuman Chalisa - 13 April 2025 – hosted by the Navyug Mandal

13. FACILITIES MANAGEMENT

Marabastad complex – maintenance is ongoing.

Mandir - The inside of the Mandir needs to be painted.

Dome – Harshadbhai and Avishbhai Mistry to provide a draft plan by the end of the month.

Water is seeping in the Mandir where the first dome is.

Kitchen – the tiling can be will be completed. All electrical wiring can be removed. The geyser will be removed and an instant boiling water dispenser will be installed.

Harshadbhai, Vineetbhai and Sanjaybhai will meet again with Avishbhai within the next two or three weeks again to get his advice/input. Quantity Surveyors will also be in attendance.

Shivling & Navgraha Stapna – Harshadbhai, Avishbhai Mistry and an engineer to provide a draft plan.

Sunilbhai's Flat – water is seeping in at one of the walls. This is being investigated.

14. SOCIAL SERVICES REPORT

Upcoming Activities for Next Month

Details not provided.

Activities for Following Months

None yet

15. NAVYUG REPORT

Upcoming Events:

Hanuman Chalisa – 13 April 2025

The advert has been sent out. Quotations have been received.

The Navyug report was read out by Sanjaybhai.

A projector will be used to cast the event onto the wall. Screens will not be utilised.

16. GENERAL / NEW MATTERS

1. Camp for Welfare of Indian Community

Not discussed

2. The High Commissioner of India - has given funds to host an event which must take place before the end of March. A sports event is being looked at, which will be open to everyone. Possible date, 2 March 2025 as the 9 or 16 March 2025 would be near examination time.

3. Essence of Hinduism Diwali Hamper 2024 – the SPHSS contributed R40 000 for the hampers.

17. NEXT MEETING

Next meeting dates: Tuesday 18 March, 22 April, 20 May, 24 June, 22 July 2025, at 4pm.

18. CLOSING PRAYER

The meeting closed with a prayer at 6:23pm

**SANJAY GOVIND
PRESIDENT**

**JAYNIKSHA RAMJEE
SECRETARY-GENERAL**