



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 26 September 2024

1. OPENING PRAYER AND WELCOME

The meeting commenced at 4:10pm 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)
Deputy President	Himal Ramjee (HR)
General Secretary	Jayniksha Ramjee (JR)
Assistant Secretary	Minoti Bhatt (MB)
Chief Financial Officer	Nipun Jeeva (NJ)
Head of Facilities Management	Vineet Rama (VR)
Head of Education	Miheer Joshi (MJ)
Head of Youth Affairs (Navyug Mandal)	Yamini Bhima (YB)
Health, Welfare and Gender	Manisha Lakha (ML)
Admin Office	Rakesh Kara (RK)
Head of Special Projects	Harshad Dajee Pema (HDP)

Apologies/Absent:

None

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

5. PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO MINUTES

None

6. APPROVAL OF AGENDA & MINUTES

Approved by Harshadbhai and seconded by Manishabhen

7. CORRESPONDENCE

	INCOMING
7.1.1	Email from Pendant Street Gating – for Navratri and New Year They will open the gates at the required times. Two additional guards will be hired by SPHSS
7.1.2	Email: High Commission of India - Global Food Regulators Summit from 20th-21st September 2024 YouTube links for accessing the telecast of the event, are as follows: Day 1: https://youtube.com/live/8KtEU1C6qWY?feature=share Day 2: https://youtube.com/live/OQFBHioyOoY?feature=share
7.1.3	Email: High Commission of India - Online classes for Henna Design, Puppet Making, Rangoli and Madhubani Painting – this was sent out on the WhatsApp Group
7.1.4	Email: CoT - Marabastad Land No correspondence received after the 28 th August 2024
7.1.5.	Application for stall at Diwali Festival have started coming in
7.1.6	Request for use of mandir by RISHI RISHI confirmed as arranged, the use of the SPHSS Mandir on Saturday afternoons from 4 pm to 6 pm on a regular basis. Also, for Saturday 12 th October 2024, to observe the RISHI Vijaya Dashami Navaratri program from 4pm until 6 pm. To confirm the times with Sarvaday Bhajan Mandal
7.1.7	Iskcon Pretoria based in Hatfield requested the SPHSS to host one of the kirtaneers from overseas for an evening of bhajans and kirtans on the 13 September at 19h30 The auditorium will be in use for Navratri
	OUTGOING
7.2.1	Letter for the Pendant Street Gating – for Navratri and New Year
7.2.2	Email: CoT - Marabastad Land No progress with moving the vendors

8.	MATTERS ARISING	RESPONSIBLE
8.1	Costs for the funeral undertakers A meeting needs to be held urgently with Poonees. A meeting must also be held with Bharatbhai Kooverjie. Costing must be affordable for all community members. Costs must be negotiated with the undertakers.	VR
8.2	Diwali festival Planning is in progress. Many stall applications are coming in. The raffle books are being printed.	VR, MB, MJ
8.3	Treasurer position No progress.	All
8.4	Balmandir 2024 applications and re-registrations Discussed under the Education Report	
8.5	Toshiba Offer – Another quotation is needed	

9. OFFICE ADMINISTRATORS REPORT

The Admin and Priest Bookings report was presented.

10. FINANCIAL REPORT

Monthly financial report as at 31 August 2024.

Income and Expenses	
Description	Amount
Monthly Income	290 971
Monthly Expenses	(375 512)
Monthly Deficit	(84 541)
Cash Position	
Cheque Account	126 809
Money on Call	131 831
Call	5 699 839
Petty Cash	2 958
Total	5 961 437

Large deficit due to annual insurance premium of R97 403.

Student loans

Transactions updated regularly and sent to students.

Balmandir fees

Parents contacted monthly to pay outstanding fees or unsuccessful debit orders

11. EDUCATION REPORT

A review and analysis of the Bal Mandir performance and scenario planning was done.

Background

The Bal Mandir has been in existence for around 50 years. It was originally built to further the aims and mission of the SPHSS to promote Hindu culture, values and religion but also provide a strong early developmental basis for the formal primary schooling for the Gujarati community.

The approach and basis of the analysis

The analysis evaluated and considered the SPHSS constitutional mandate, the purpose, the structure and governance of the school. The Department of education's macro changes in the education sector, financial dynamics of the school, student volumes, the Laudium community demographics and economic strength of the population.

Summary

The overall conclusion is that the Bal Mandir has for the past 10 years not been achieving the mandate of promoting Hindu and Gujarati values to community as the number of Hindu and Gujarati students has dwindled and the financial dynamics of the Bal Mandir has changed substantially.

12. RELIGION & CULTURE REPORT

29 September – Pitru Havan

Upcoming Events:

Navratri – Singers and musicians are needed

Assistance will be needed in the Mandir from 7:30 to 8pm as Sunilbhai will be doing the aarti in the auditorium.

New Year – 2 November – A short programme followed by nasto in the auditorium

Calendar – Sunilbhai has populated the template. To be sent to the printers

13. FACILITIES MANAGEMENT

Marabastad complex - the list has been made for repairs and maintenance. Contractors are being sourced.

Auditorium – work on the interior front of the hall, waterproofing and painting is in progress.

14. SOCIAL SERVICES REPORT

Upcoming Activities for Next Month

5 October 2024 - **Navratri** Special Meeting

Activities for Following Months

23 November 2024 - **year end outing** to be arranged

15. NAVYUG REPORT

Upcoming Events:

Rangoli – 19 October 2024

Rangoli – Forms available from SPHSS office and at Navratri as well as boards. Boards will be available to purchase from SPHSS offices and during Navratri.

- Closing Date for entries – Tuesday 15 October 2024
- Exhibition - 19-21 October 2024 from 5:00pm-7:00pm
- Collection of Exhibition – 22 October 2024. From 4:00pm-7:00pm

16. GENERAL / NEW MATTERS

None

17. NEXT MEETING

Next meeting dates: 22 October, 19 November 2024, at 4pm.

18. CLOSING PRAYER

The meeting closed with a prayer at 6:20pm

**SANJAY GOVIND
PRESIDENT**

**JAYNIKSHA RAMJEE
SECRETARY-GENERAL**