



# Shree Pretoria Hindu Seva Samaj

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"Satyameva Jayate" - Truth Alone Prevails

## Celebrating 85 Years of Selfless Service

### MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE SHREE PRETORIA HINDU SEVA SAMAJ

Held at: The Dining Hall, Shree Pretoria Hindu Seva Samaj  
Date: 28 May 2017  
Time: 15:45pm

#### OPENING PRAYER AND WELCOME

The meeting commenced with a prayer and a moment of silence for those who have passed, a special recognition related to the loss of Navneetbhai was acknowledged and the coincidence that it was his birthday on this day.

#### QUORUM

As per the SPHSS Constitution, quorum was met.

**EXCO MEMBERS:** Pranaybhai Devchand, Saileshbhai Bhagattjee, Miheerbhai Joshi, Manishaben Lakha, Pavanbhai Gandhi, Deepikaben Bhana, Vineetbhai Rama

**TRUSTEES:** Girishbhai Daya, Harshilaben Kooverjie, Viralbhai Patel, Madubhen Modi

**Public members:** Attached Attendance Register

**ADMIN:** Shahzaadee Majothi, Urviben Mehta

**APOLOGIES:** Harshadbhai Pema, Jyotiben Joshi, Jayeshbhai Gopal, Urmilaben Kaliyan, Pravinbhai Daya

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the AGM held on 26 May 2016 and the reconvened meeting on 6 June 2016 were approved by Harshilaben and seconded by Pavanbhai.

Adopted by: Harshilaben, Seconded: Pavanbhai

No	Topic
1	<b>Matter Arising from Previous Minutes</b> No matters were raised by the house, with regards to the previous minutes.

## Secretariat Report – Presented by Miheerbhai

### Highlights:

Collaboration – the EXCO has consciously pursued collaborations with other organisations for almost all major festivals. Including: Krishna Jayanti with ISKCON, The Essence of Hinduism, ShivYog, The Art of Living Foundation etc.

Organising ourselves better – Improvements in the Samaj office where the Admin and Finance staff now support extensively the schools, EXCO, trustees, and all the sub committees of the Samaj.

Communication – Introduction of WhatsApp groups to reduce SMS costs. The ongoing approach of using Sunilbhai our priest to video record teaching for the festivals and broadcasting them to the community.

Constitutional review – Some changes are removing now inapplicable areas but the addition of required areas is most valuable and essential for the Samaj.

Finance – Accounting operations brought in-house after the mandate from the 2016 AGM this proved challenging at first but is now yielding good results with great granularity of reporting. Secondly the introduction of project reporting is also now reaching maturity where each event can be easily assessed. The receipt of retribution monies for the properties returned to the SPHSS was a welcomed unexpected surprise. The next stage is full budget inclusion into the accounting system (almost running live) as well as payments from the system.

- 2 Navyug Mandal – This area of the Samaj is proving to be the most dynamic and challenging to re-engage. Numerous strategies were implemented with varied success. We however do view this as an extremely important area and are still working hard with interested youth to revive this.

The first every EXCO strategy offsite- this was a one day session held to go through a whole raft of tasks including staff contract reviews, constitutional reviews, finance and admin processes, facilities and general maintenance, religious and cultural activities.

Visit of His Excellency Narendra Modi: The Samaj was directly involved in the Historic visit of the Prime Minister of India to South Africa.

Religious and cultural activities continue strongly and well received by the community. The Major resounding success was of course the massive SPHSS Tshwane Diwali Festival which attracted thousands and the format well received. The honour of having the Respected Finance Minister Pravin Gordhan attend and speak was another cap in the SPHSS! The establishment of the much requested and anticipated Shivling Mandir was a distinct highlight of this year so far. It is humbling that it is well utilized by the community. It was also the first time in decades that a Murthi Parthishta had taken place on our sacred site. The Hanuman Chalisa was a powerful activity with youth coming together to deliver an amazing 108 recitals. There are many more exciting events planned during the course of Shravan and ending with the SPHSS Tshwane Diwali Festival.

Facilities – major improvements have taken place here. The completion of the classroom upgrades, the painting of the murals on the playground walls, greater utilization of the multi media centre, construction of the new Shivling Mandir, much more is planned including the hall refurbishment. The provision of benches around the precinct has also brought great benefit to the many who spend time sitting and chatting, using the free Tshwane Wi-Fi, resting or reading.

It is a living site and this is heartening to witness.

Secretariat – challenges around communication are being overcome by exploring new, innovative channels such as WhatsApp, Twitter, Instagram etc. The website is also being reviewed as its needs to be more dynamic than static as it currently is. The directory project was finally brought to closure and the distribution of all remaining stock is being currently done. Ideas of how to make the directory available online are being looked at.

#### Gender - Launch of a Woman's Group

The guest speakers will include ladies from all walks of life, and cover health and spirituality. The event will end with a High Tea. It will have an informal Indaba flow, with many treats for the ladies. As women in today's taxing age, they tend to forget to take care of themselves. A broken cup cannot hold tea, in this same way by empowering these ladies we will lay the foundation for them to empower others.

### **President's Report – Presented by Pranaybhai**

#### **Highlights:**

We experienced huge expansion in communication via social media, twitter, Facebook and WhatsApp and even have our own Google certificate having 10 000 hits. In order to improve planning we had our first ever strategic planning session to pave the plans and systems for the year ahead. This seems to have helped to align many operations and place our two administrative personnel into operational duties that have expanded our effectiveness within a technological reporting and recording era. All our accounting systems from January 2017 have been placed onto QuickBooks and thus an effective in house accounting information system is in place, even before the recommendation made by the auditors auditing the 2016 annual financials. This year I think we had for the first time an extensive audit covering all aspects of our accounting system from invoice to payment to investments and was a great learning curve for all of us. Our CFO and Treasurer General have extended the Samaj's financial ability in reporting and systems management. Thank you Harshadbhai and Pavanbhai.

3 We were finally able to put together a reliable asset register when we inherited a list of items only. We furthermore cleaned up the Samaj educational loan/bursary database. We have also managed to expand facilities at the campus and still increase our fixed deposit to R3 million rands.

Related to our facilities, we were able to modify the Marabastad complex and increase our revenue with that renovation. We have had all the Samaj Laudium premises downstairs classrooms renovated and an excellent play area developed for Balmandir with colourful murals and AstroTurf flooring to make it safe for all the young ones. Our gardens are immaculate, our campus has never looked better. The credit has to go to Vineetbhai for all his efforts.

We have, after a long time, managed to finalise the directory and provided this to the community. Remaining directories are being sold and some are being distributed to other Samaj structures around the country. We managed the International Yoga day for two years for the High Commission of India and this year we will be assisting at the venue of the University of Pretoria. We also hosted the hilarious Karou Charou show which was fun for the entire community young and old.

The collaboration that the Secretariat spoke about was really sealed with the excellent celebration of Krishna Janmastami with ISKON. I personally was dancing with joy till the wee hours of the morning. What a celebration. We were proud to support Swaminarayan group in

the Boomipooja of the new building in 2

Randburg. It was an exceptionally well managed event. We hope in the future to collaborate with other organisations sharing a similar vision and mission of the Samaj.

We were also able to raise funds from your generous donations for the Chennai disaster fund, but experienced challenges to get the funds to a source where we were certain it would go towards the intended recipients. We were finally able to transfer these funds with reserve bank approval to the Indian Prime Ministers fund and were in awe where we received a letter from the office of the Prime Minister thanking us for this donation.

The Gujarati School has had high and low times. We are constantly trying to increase the numbers and the reality is that we would have to look at week-end classes in the near future as our Friday and Saturday classes are better attended. We were able to expose our learners' knowledge on three different episodes of Bonisanani, a children's magazine programme on SABC 2. We also had a short documentary of the SPHSS covered on Sadhna. This was done very professionally showing the Samaj in an impressive manner.

Our highlight definitely was the Samaj Tshwane Diwali festival #SPHSSTDF. The inclusion of stalls and a programme went off very well. The addition of Pravin Gordhan as the guest of honour was a scoop of note. We have never experienced an event of this magnitude in Laudium before. Members need to appreciate the efforts put in by the entire Executive committee (EXCO) in order to manage this event. I have to indicate that the project management of #SPHSSTDF, conducted exceptionally well, was Saileshbhai. The Samaj is privileged to have a Deputy President that is able and willing to take on projects and can easily fill in the role of president when requested to.

We were also placed in the mists of the challenge with the political battle of the Gupta family and the relationship with the State President. We took a stance that not all have agreed with but still do believe that our stance was a correct one. The reality is that no organisation will have all its members thinking in a common manner and that is when leadership is required. Buddha also said without rain nothing grows so we are to embrace the storms too.

I think we have to put on record the many movements over this year within the EXCO. We were able to co-opt Manishaben early in order to support the Secretariat. We had the sad passing away of Navnitbhai, the resignation of Kishorbhai, Ileshbhai and now Miheerbhai. This has however led to changes of the team and introduction of new ideas as the movements allowed us to co-opt additional competent members to the EXCO and even grow the different components.

We however have had matters that were challenging to resolve and still have ongoing matters. These include the flooding of the 13th Avenue premises; application for land in Centurion; development of a social support fund; the finalisation of the Murthi Vaghas; involvement of the youth and the development of the Navyuga.

We are to embark on a woman's' programme to launch an active woman's society that adds to that of the Samaj. We do have both genders of the EXCO but seem to lack the involvement of the younger dynamic ladies and need their special expertise to spearhead this aspect. 3

We also are moving towards the finalisation of a library and the completion of furniture and fitting of the Multi-media Centre (MMC).

We thus always have ideas to include in the expansion and better running of the Samaj. We still have the new Marabastad Land to develop and will cover some of the plans today. We were also

compensated about R400 000 additional as part of the total compensation. This came as a surprise but will be included in a fund for the development of this land. The challenges we see ahead for the management of our funerals is another hurdle that the team will have to overcome.

With all the above I would like all seated here and those that are taking the time to read this address to realise that this body is still very relevant and needs to be capacitated with the expertise within our community. Donation of your time for Seva will go a long way to stability of our Dharma and community. You never know when you will need the organisation as you are the Samaj.

### **Trustees Report – Read by Girishbhai**

It is also my pleasure to report that the internal audit of the Samaj's administration and financial management has continued and the most recent audit was held on 11 March 2016. This task was mandated due to an amendment to the constitution which was adopted and approved at the AGM in 2013. Our reports as well as recommendations have been posted on the Samaj's website for perusal by our members. It is gratifying to inform you that the audits revealed evidence that the Samaj is progressing and its financial and administration policies are sound and very well maintained. My sincere thanks are extended to the Admin staff of Urviben, Shazz and Vinaybhai for their co-operation during our visits.

As previously advised, on 30 April 2015 the Trustees Board was informed by the EXCO with the excellent news that the 11 plots which were allocated to the Samaj by the Tshwane Metropolitan Council in Marabastad have finally been registered in the name of the Samaj. Since the acquisition of the land the EXCO has moved speedily to plan the way forward and had nominated Saileshbhai Bhagatjee to head this project. Saileshbhai has already presented a road-map titled "Operation Barkat" detailing the way forward .In March this year the EXCO co-opted Jayeshbhai Mohanbhai Gopal to take this project further to fruition. On behalf of the Board I extend our sincere thanks to Jayeshbhai for accepting this responsibility and challenge and also his willingness to serve the Samaj. I appeal to the community to support him and his team in this venture with heart and soul. We need a united Samaj in this regard. The future of the Samaj, when these stands have been fully developed, will ensure a steady and sound financial position and independence.

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Due to the elections held on 17 May 2015 being declared invalid an exhaustive consultation process was followed by the Interim EXCO to break the impasse .This effort resulted in consensus amongst all stakeholders and new elections were successfully held on 21 February 2016 resulting in the composition of the current EXCO and B of T. Had the elections of 2015 gone ahead without complications then today's AGM would have been an elective meeting. However , on 14 March this year I informed the community of the dilemma we faced especially with regards to the current EXCO's shortened term of office and requested their support to extend the term to May 2018 to allow the current officials a full two year term and deliver on their mandate effectively . Members were also requested to object to this request, in writing, if they so desired. It is with pleasure to inform you that not a single objection was received and this indicated that the community fully supported the extension of the current EXCO's term of office until May 2018. I extend my sincere appreciation to all for their support and confidence in the current EXCO in this regard.

Our officials have also been active during the past year by liaising with other Gujarati community organisations especially BAPS International. The main thrust of the negotiations is to twin the organisations services such as Gujarati school education for the benefit of the community. Other areas where our institutions could benefit is to utilise the huge pool of youth activists in BAPS when events such as Hanuman Chalisa, Navratri, Holi and Diwali are held. These volunteers have already on a number of occasions shown their aptitude and expertise in

managing events where large numbers of people are in attendance. I trust that EXCO will successfully take these negotiations to fruition in the next 12 months.

I take this opportunity also to inform you that my term of office would have come to an end had the 2015 elections gone ahead. Further my family has recently relocated to Sunninghill, Johannesburg and it would be unfair on my part to continue serving the Samaj by not being able to give 100 per cent due to the distance travelling to Laudium. I therefore informed EXCO at our last meeting held in March of my intention to step down and allow them to co-opt a new trustee who would be resident in Laudium or surrounds and who will be able to serve whenever needed to do so. I thank the community for supporting me in the past 10 years where I was able to serve the Samaj in various capacities. I enjoyed every moment doing "Seva" during this period.

5 **Finance Report of Shree Pretoria Hindu Seva Samaj  
Presented by Pavanbhai**

For the Year Ending 31st December 2016

2016 Financial year has seen some upgrades in recording revenue & expenditure for the Seva Samaj. Greater clarity exists compared to all the other years.

An internal accounting package, recording transactions with clearer analysis and classifications was implemented.

Actual Revenue has increased by Thirteen percentage points, to **R2 408 943** (R2 085 455).

The Eleven Marabastad stands valuation, included in Revenue makes it **R 3 068 943**

Detailed below:

**Revenue:**

Income	2016	2015	% Change
Guajarati School	85,680	35,610	58%
Balmandir	411,859	338,938	18%
Complex Rentals	931,039	875,280	6%
Facilities	283,803	393,013	-38%
RCC	290,582	335,646	-16%
Seva Samaj	343,979	359,385	-4%
Building Fund	710,000	-	
Bursary Fund	12,000	12,000	0%
Grand Total	3,068,943	2,349,872	23%
Stand Value Deduction from total ( R660K)	2,408,943	2,349,872	2%

**SPHSS** enjoyed substantial increase in our School revenue, with the Balmandir bringing in the

second highest revenue for the Samaj.

**G**uajarati School attendance increased by 35% & revenue increased by 58%. These figures bring in the slight revival in our Gujarati culture. Great efforts are being made by Deepikaben Bhana to ensure this sustained growth is maintained.

**M**arabastad Complex rental income continues to generate the highest revenue for the Samaj. It makes up 39% of our revenue. Majority of the Samaj expenses are covered through this Rental revenue. A resource that we thank the wisdom of our EXCO fore bearers. This resource is monitored and controlled with care by Vineetbhai Rama.

**F**acilities: This revenue is generated by the hiring of Samaj Hall & Classrooms. Prior years a large percentage of revenue was from hiring to Trade Show host. Unfortunately last year the organizers cancelled the event due to unforeseen circumstances. This reduced our revenue by 38%.

**R**eligious Cultural Committee. Aarti monies collected during all our festivals, make up this revenue. A marked decline this year of 16%.

A verse from the Gita [Chapter17 Verse20]. "Datavyam Iti Yad Danam Diyate 'Nupalarine Dese Kale Ca Patre Ca Tad Danam Sattvikam Smrtam" Translated as follows. Charity which is given without consideration of anything in return, at a sanctified and holy place and at an astrologically auspicious time, given as a matter of duty to one qualified; that charity is regarded as of the Nature of Goodness. Thank you for your contributions, may you all continue to be so generous. Urmilaben would continue to host festivals.

**S**eva Samaj revenue entails Interest Income & other income, made up of SMS, Email, & General Donations. Interest revenue increased by 10%. Other incomes make up the other percentage decrease of 40%.

**B**uilding Fund: A generous bequest of R50K was received from a Samaj member. These funds are to be utilized specifically for the development of the Stands in Marabastad. These funds have been "ring-fenced" in the Equity account, and would be utilized as prescribed.

**B**ursary Fund: The annual contribution from Mr Pranaybhai Chagan of R12K towards the Bursary Fund. This is the second contribution made by Pranaybhai. His Actions do certainly speak louder than words. We hope this inspires others to step forward for the next generation's educational needs.

**Net Returns:**

	2016	2015
Surplus for the Year	1,028,695	262,818
Revaluation	- 660,000	-
	368,695	262,818

The eleven Marabastad stands revaluation is taken off the surplus, recalculated returns for SPHSS is net return after taxation of **R368, 695, (R262, 818 - 2015)**. A 40% increase.

**Facilities:**

Facilities Mng	2016	2015
<b>Income</b>	<b>283,803</b>	<b>393,013</b>
Hire of Samaj Premises	283,803	393,013
<b>Expense</b>	<b>255,529</b>	<b>329,264</b>
Insurance Expense	30,444	54,503
International Yoga Day	28,160	-
Landscaping Expenses	16,742	-
Repairs and Maintenance	72,820	98,557
Salaries & Wages	77,190	109,059
Security Seva Samaj Laudium	30,173	67,145
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>28,274</b>	<b>63,749</b>

Samaj Hall is a venue of choice for many functions. Demand remains consistent and the facilities & services come highly recommended. Many compliments have been received for this venue & for the services rendered by Mrs. Singh & her competent staff. Thank you to this competent team. This Venue would live long in the memories of our hosts.

**Balmandir & Gujarati School: Revenue & Expenditure Detail.**

Guajarati School	2016	2015
<b>Income</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>85,68</b>
Guajarati School Fees	0	85,68
<b>Expense</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>105,945</b>
Guajarati School General	2	5,38
Salaries & Wages		78,72
		105,945

	0	
<b>Grand Total</b>	9	1,57 5) (70,33
<b>Balmandir</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>
<b>Income</b>	9	411,85 338,938
Bal Mandir School Fees	9	411,85 338,938
<b>Expense</b>	8	323,03 320,733
Advertising	2	7,75 27,000
Bad Debt Provision	0	8,62 -
Bal Mandir General	2	34,11 36,833
Salaries & Wages	4	272,55 256,900
<b>Grand Total</b>	1	88,82 18,205

Salaries are the major expense, One teacher is on the Gauteng Department of Education payroll, and another has been approved this year. A Bad Debt provision has been raised as four student's fees were not paid in full. Efforts are being made to recoup these fees.

Comparatively: We are seeing a healthy growth in the bottom line, generated by an increase in Fees and students in both divisions of the school.

Student Numbers are as follows:

Students Attending	2016	2015	2014
Balmandir Pupils	83	69	79
Gujarati School Pupils	37	24	41

#### Building Fund:

Building Fund	2016	2015
<b>Income</b>	710,000	-
Building Fund	50,000	-
Land Valuation Marabastad Stands	660,000	-
<b>Grand Total</b>	710,000	-

Within this fund, revaluation of the eleven Marabastad stands received through the Land claim has been included. The valuations recommended were R60K for each stand. Efforts are being

made to produce a Revenue stream till development of these stands commence. The R50K cash received from the donor bequest is highly appreciated. His memory is now etched into the foundation of this project. Contributions by such community members are forever engraved in the foundation of this development. The bequest is a stepping stone for our generation to follow and we urge our fellow community members to emulate his generosity.

The Narsai and Valiben Manga Bursary Fund, generated interest of R16, 878.75. A bursary was given to the value of R9, 083. The fund value of R262K is placed into a fixed deposit, generating the best possible interest rate.

Bursary loans were extended to the value of R79, 055. Loans outstanding are R501, 012.

The Education fund, raised by the then Navyug Mandal, injected funds to the value of R1, 191,409. In Dec'10 these funds were banked into the Samaj ABSA account. Annual Loans were extended to students averaging R89K. Average interest earned was R100Kpa. To date outstanding loans are R501K and the fund stands "ring-fenced" in the equity account to the value of R1,485,731.

#### **Marabastad Complex Rentals**

<b>Marabastad Rental</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>
<b>Income</b>	<b>931,039</b>	<b>875,280</b>
Rental of Seva Samaj Complex	931,039	875,280
<b>Expense</b>	<b>570,620</b>	
Accounting Fees	10,919	
Advertising	7,558	
Audit Fees	16,307	
Bank Service Charges	9,703	
Cleaning Expenses	11,811	
Depreciation	12,036	
Insurance	23,269	
Office Expenses	17,968	
Repairs & Maintenance	55,717	
Salaries	222,847	
Security	23,087	
Telephone	15,490	
Utilities	143,910	
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>360,420</b>	<b>875,280</b>

Marabastad Rental income contributes in excess of 5% of the Seva Samaj's Revenue. Under Sec10cN of the South African Tax act, the Samaj becomes liable for Taxation on the profits

generated by Rental Income.

Provision for the tax due has been created **R 44 918 ( 2015 nil )**

Renovations were made to the first floor, making room for another store room. This has been rented out to our anchor tenant from February 2017. This would increase rental income by five percent.

Prior year Comparative figures not shown as they could not be accurately calculated.

#### Seva Samaj

Seva Samaj Administration	2016	2015
<b>Income</b>	<b>343,979</b>	<b>359,385</b>
General Income	61,519	105,072
Interest Income	282,460	254,313
	<b>308,74</b>	
<b>Expense</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>968,162</b>
Accounting Fees	7,322	37,620
Advertising	9,878	12,712
Audit Fees	21,313	35,910
Bank Service Charges	12,681	28,491
Cleaning Expenses	-	8,936
Community Services	75,702	359,431
Conferences and Meetings	1,363	3,271
Depreciation Expense	15,731	26,319
Office General	37,433	49,743
Office Telephones	6,262	16,074
Salaries & Wages	3,096	164,291
Utilities	117,964	225,365
	<b>35,23</b>	<b>(608,777</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>)</b>

The Samaj administration office is at the behest of our community. To serve, to assist, to meet the needs of the community. Costs are incurred for the service of the community in the most professional, efficient and prudent method. The SPHSS will continue to improve consistently.

#### Religious Cultural Committee.

Religious & Cultural	2016	2015
<b>Income</b>	<b>290,582</b>	<b>335,646</b>
Dakshina Priest Services	41,021	28,615
Diwali Income	82,213	65,262
Hanuman Chalisa	28,262	38,526
Krishna Jayanti Celebrations	24,993	69,324
Mandir Aarti	37,949	28,815
Navratri aarti	27,262	33,526

Rakshabandan Aarti	41,982	60,824
Tin Collections	6,901	10,754
<b>Expense</b>	<b>444,213</b>	<b>335,095</b>
Community Services	18,491	19,490
Diwali Celebrations	172,223	92,530
Hanuman Chalisa Celebrations	29,615	51,714
Holi Utsav	1,850	-
Krishna Jayanti Celebrations	16,567	4,819
Navratri Celebration	69,117	84,042
Salaries & Wages	136,350	82,500
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>(153,631)</b>	<b>551</b>

Hindu Festivals are many, and our community celebrates these functions with great splendour & Joy. We are taking great pride in celebrating each major festivity with the required razzmatazz. Our Diwali festival set a new standard within our community, as well as other festivals. Community members celebrating these events have come together with great Pride, increasing in numbers to celebrate & socialize at events Hosted by the Samaj. This is one of the main Objectives of the Samaj. To promote and host events to celebrate our Hindu Festivals with Pride and unity. Let us continue to fuel this Flame of Unity through the practice of our Dharma.

### Liquidity

Seva Samaj Cash & Bank Balances at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2016

Liquidity	2016	2015	% Change
Current Account	45,198	62,88	-39%
Money Market Account	50,860	4 509,75	-902%
Fixed Deposit	3,000,000	0 2,500,00	17%
Bursary Fixed Deposit	262,000	1 255,45	2%
Cash on Hand	1,695	4 13,37	-689%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>3,359,753</b>	<b>5 3,341,46</b>	<b>1%</b>

### Property Improvements:

Office & Other equipment; New Assets were purchased to the value of R29, 191.

Property improvements were made to classrooms and to the Marabastad property to the value of R252, 938.

Eleven stands acquired in Marabastad with fair valuation of R660K. These stands were received as a successful Lands Claim Application placed many years ago. Fruits of our respected elders.

### **Looking Ahead:**

The Financial team has worked diligently in accurately capturing the Financial information of the Samaj's transactions. It is from these records that the Financial Statements have been compiled as accurately as possible.

The Financial committee is committed to continuously strive to raise our standards to meet & surpass the highest standards. Shortcomings have been corrected, like the Statements and invoicing in the School debtors. Implemented in January 2017, the SPHSS now invoices each debtor and sends out statements to the debtors. Our records are now in order with all transactions.

As promised last year, more value added schedules for better disclosure & to make informed decisions & interpretations have been incorporated: We have delivered and would continue to deliver.

On behalf of the Finance Team,

### **Question time on Reports**

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No questions were raised by the house relating to the reports presented.

### **Correspondence (related to AGM, if any)**

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None where sent and none were raised.

### **Review of Constitution (due notice of which has been given)**

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The changes to the constitution were adopted by the house unanimously, in accordance to the constitution, 100% of the members present approved the changes. Attached is the reviewed SPHSS Constitution.

### **Project Barkat (Marabastad Land)**

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Saileshbhai presented the members with an invitation to propose ideas and suggestions for the current vacant land in Marabastad, to generate revenue in the interim. This land can be used for any non-fixed structures, and must be vacated after due notice is given. Please e-mail [sphss108@gmail.com](mailto:sphss108@gmail.com) for the attention of Mr Jayesh Gopal for more information.

### **General (due notice of which has been given)**

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A Community Member raised a concern about the dakshina tariff for the priest's services, and

that the individuals who cannot afford these services should be assisted by the Samaj. The community member and all members are advised that the tariff is a guideline, but is not a compulsory fee for these services. You are welcome to give any amount that you would like to, or not at all.

**The meeting adjourned at 17:30 with a closing prayer.**

**Prem Namaste**

**SPHSS Secretariat**