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

Held at : The Boardroom, Shree Pretoria Hindu Seva Samaj

Date : Monday, 31 August 2015

Time : 19:30

No.	MATTERS DISCUSSED	ACTION POINTS	BY WHOM
1.	<p>PRAYER & WELCOME</p> <p>In the Chair - Rameshbhai Chhagan</p> <p>The meeting commenced with a prayer and welcome to all members present. A minute's silence was held for all those members of the community who passed on since the last meeting.</p>		
2.	<p>ATTENDANCE & APOLOGIES</p> <p>In Attendance: Vineetbhai Rama; Rameshbhai Chhagan; Harshilabhen Kooverjie; Harshadbhai Pema; Pranaybhai Devchand; Kishorbhai Naran and</p>		

	<p>Harshadbhai Bhiku Pema. Urvibhen Mehta & Vinaybhai Chagan attended in their capacities as administrators.</p> <p>Apology/ Absent: Sheetalbhen Ranchod; Mukeshbhai Joshi; Bhaavichbai Chhana; Dhruvbhai Sodha; Jyotibhen Joshi.</p>		
3.	<p>SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT</p> <p>Rameshbhai announced that he had received a notification from the Chairman of Trustees an hour before the meeting that Mukeshbhai had informed the Chairman in writing of his resignation both as member of the executive committee with immediate effect as well as that of pujari with effect from 30 September 2015. In the light of this announcement, it was agreed by all present that the agenda be limited to discuss Mukeshbhai's resignation and that of other urgent matters. All deferred matters would be discussed at the next meeting.</p>		
4.	<p>QUORUM</p> <p>The meeting was declared duly constituted by the President as the requisite quorum as required by clause 12 of the constitution had been met.</p>		
5.	<p>APPROVAL OF AGENDA & MINUTES</p> <p>The agenda and minutes of the exec meeting held on 27 July 2015 was approved, without amendments, on the motions of Pranaybhai Devchand & Kishorbhai</p>		

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6.	MATTERS DISCUSSED		
6.1	<p><i>Mukeshbhai's Resignation</i></p> <p>Rameshbhai read out Mukeshbhai's letter of resignation that had been forwarded to him by Pravinbhai Daya. The members' present expressed surprise at this sudden resignation and the reasons given by Mukeshbhai especially since Mukeshbhai had not once expressed his unhappiness or lodged any grievances at any time with the Executive Committee or Trustees. Some members expressed the view that Mukeshbhai was probably planning his resignation for some time as he had recently bought a house in Claudius. Others felt that his resignation was probably due to him wishing to avoid the upcoming disciplinary hearing in which he would have to respond to serious allegations of misconduct made by members of the public.</p> <p>His virulent attack on members of the executive in his letter of resignation was also discussed. Amongst other things, he accused the executive committee members of being "adharmic", showing "no respect for Dharmic values and principles" as well as displaying "a clear lack of interest in promoting our religion". These remarks were considered hurtful and unfair especially as no evidence was given to support these allegations.</p> <p>Members resolved as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As a result of this attack on the integrity of officials, members felt that the relationship of trust between the Executive and Mukeshbhai has been irretrievably 	<p>Approach members of the RCC portfolio to be seconded as head of RCC</p>	<p>Rameshbhai</p>

	<p>damaged and that consequently there was no point in discussing the matter with Mukeshbhai any further but instead to accept his resignation without reservation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inform Mukeshbhai that the disciplinary hearing in which serious allegations of gross misconduct are made against him by members of the public will continue as scheduled and that he be advised to attend the hearing despite his resignation so as to afford him the opportunity of clearing his name; • Request him to lay specific misconduct charges against specific officials as per allegation made by him in his resignation letter. He was to be given an undertaking that a hearing will be conducted by an independent adjudicator and that any official found guilty of misconduct would resign. • Should he choose not to lay charges, request that he unconditionally withdraws his remarks, failing which members would consider legal action <p>Rameshbhai undertook to approach some members of the current Religion & Culture portfolio to be seconded as head of Religion & Culture until the next election.</p>		
6.2	<p>Verification of Voters Roll</p> <p>Urvibhen reported that she had completed the mammoth task of drawing up a DRAFT voter's roll of members, based on names appearing in the 2014 Samaj directory as well as those who had applied to be included on the voter's roll. It was agreed that a meeting of the Verification Committee be called up for Wednesday 16 September. The verification committee primary</p>	<p>Inform verification committee members of date of meeting.</p>	<p>Urvibhen</p>

	<p>task would be to verify that the names on the draft voters roll meet the criteria approved by the Trustees and Executive Committee. Urvibhen was thanked for fulfilling her duties with such dedication and diligence.</p>		
6.3	<p>Krishna Jayanti Function</p> <p>Urvibhen and Pranaybhai briefly updated the members on the preparations for Krishna Jayanti, which would take place on Saturday 6 September. Both the Ambassador of Nepal and the First Secretary of the Indian High Commission have confirmed their presence. (Note: This event was extremely well attended and organised, with praise being received from the personnel of both the Nepalese Embassy and India High Commission).</p>		
6.4	<p>Year Plans & Budgets for 2016</p> <p>A draft year plan and budget for each portfolio was presented and accepted by all present. All portfolio heads undertook to complete the task before the next meeting.</p>	Finalise budgets	2016 All portfolio heads
6.5	<p>Multi Media Centre</p> <p>Both Pranaybhai & Vineetbhai reported that they have completed the design of the Centre and are currently costing it. This will be presented at the next meeting</p>	Provide costing of establishing Centre	Pranaybhai/Vineetbhai
6.6	<p>Tshwane Diwali Festival</p> <p>Vineetbhai reported that very little progress has been made with the Tshwane Council in terms of getting the MOU signed. The alternative solution of receiving a letter of commitment from the municipality has also not been received. It was agreed that</p>	Diwali preparations	Show Dhruvbhai

	Dhruvbhai should continue with Plan B.		
6.7	Marabastad Stands Harshadbhai Dajee Pema reported that a meeting of a special project committee had met to discuss the scope of the project. A detailed plan will be issued shortly.	Plan for development of Marabastad stands	Harshadbhai
11.	NEXT MEETING The next meeting will be held on Monday 28 September 2015		
11.	PRAYER & CLOSURE With no further business, the meeting ended with a prayer at 10:30pm		

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