



OHRC Monthly Board Meeting Details

Meeting Name: OHRC Board Meeting
Date: February 3rd, 2019
Location: 4501 Ethel Street Harrisburg, PA 17109
Time: 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Action 00: Session Opening

Board of Directorates (DOB) meeting begin by offering the official complements to OHRC Temple Construction Committee (OHRC TCC). The organization recognizes and gratefully acknowledge the teamwork and dedicated effort of OHRC-TCC. Also, the Board of Directorates (BOD) session acknowledge the vice chairman D. P. Siwakoti and the entire Cultural and Event Management team for their devotion and hard work in preparing and managing various cultural programs.

Financial Update:

The total collection including previous balance in the General Account amount to \$7875.58 and the total expenditure is \$3710.61. Thus, the current balance in General Account as of January 2019 is \$4164.97. Similarly, the entire collection in Nepali Education Account (NEA) is \$4155.30, and the expenditure is \$292.59. Therefore, the current balance in NEA is \$3862.71. Mrs. Ghimirey further added that the total collection with a previous balance on Temple Account as of January 2019 is \$104,769.41 and the expenditure of the month is \$41,163.62. So, the Temple Account has a balance of \$63,605.79.

Action 01: Endorsement of the religious committee

February 2019 OHRC-BOD session endorse name and position of the following religious committee. The committee is intended to fulfill the spiritual need of Nepali speaking Hindu resettled in the Harrisburg metro area. The name and position were endorsed by the complete majority of the attended board of directorates. Therefore, referring to Article XI (Committee 11.1) and Article XIV (Non-Discrimination Policy) of OHRC bylaws and the decision of December 2018 board session, the BOD meeting endorsed the following name and position of Vaishnava Samardan Samati.

Vaishnava Samardan Samati:

1. Narayan Khanal – chairman
2. Shyam Dhital- member
3. Bhagwati Khatiwada-member
4. Jeewan Dahal-member
5. Narayani Dhungyel-member
6. Prajapati Acharya-member

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Advisors:

1. Padam Siwakoti
2. Chabilal Bajgain
3. Sita Baskota
4. Gangaram Thaplaya
5. Khadananda Bajgain
6. Mani Dahal
7. Liladhar Dhimal

Endorsement of OHRC Worship (pooja) Committee

The names of ten-member OHRC worship committee is endorsed by the February 2019 board of directorates session. Worship committee is responsible for leading the worship in different religious events. The committee members are qualified to manage the gathering and provide appropriate opportunities for worship celebrations that focus on God. OHRC board expect that the worship committee maintains a growing and healthy spiritual life and lead other community members to do the same. The worship team must be sensitive to the appropriateness of worship styles and Hindu traditions. Below is the list of ten-membered extendable worship committee.

OHRC Pooja Committee:

1. Shree Yatiraj Dhakal
2. Shree Kedar Dhungel
3. Shree Hari Krishna Subedi
4. Shree Puspa Subedi
5. Shree Purushottam Khatiwoda
6. Shree Mukti Dahal
7. Shree Sukdev Khanal
8. Shree Narayan Mishra
9. Shree Prem Dhakal
10. Shree Laxmi Dhungana

Action 03: Planning for Upcoming Saraswati Puja

The vice chairman of OHRC Mr. Dhanapati Siwakoti presented a brief overview of the upcoming Saraswati puja. Per Mr. Siwakoti the program will be held at 599 Eisenhower Blvd, Harrisburg PA, 17111 and the duration of the program is about four hours from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Mr. Siwakoti assured that the event would be well planned, and safety is the priority. Event team in association with the pooja committee had finalized the program. The event includes *aarati*, *prabachan*, letter inauguration, honoring and rewarding, speech, etc.

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Action 04: Yearly events and Utsavs

Organization for Hindu Religion and Culture (OHRC) published the yearly program list for the spiritual year 2019. The following list of events has approved by the complete majority of the board of directorates.

1. Saraswati Puja (one-day event).
2. Ramanavami (nine days event).
3. Ramanuja Jayanti/Shankaracharya Jayanti.
4. Narasimha Jayanti.
5. Janai Purnima.
6. Holi Celebration.
7. Shree Krishna Janmashtami.
8. Shree Yogi raj Utsav.
9. Shree Baman Jayanti.
10. Teej Program
11. Durga Pooja.
12. Dewsi Bhailo Program.
13. Dhanurmas (30 days event)
14. All Ekadashi (24 events).

Final Remarks and Next Meeting:

As the organization continues to move forward, we need the support of the whole community, well-wishers, donors, volunteers, and board members to keep doing good work to make valuable progress in the community to ensure the preservation of our language, culture, and religion. The Organization for Hindu Religion and Culture (OHRC) thank everyone for the kind support and for making us responsible. Next meeting will be on the first Sunday of March 2019 (unless otherwise notified).

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