



ORGANIZATION FOR HINDU RELIGION AND CULTURE

Religious Non-Profit Organization

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Meeting Name: OHRC Board Meeting

Date: May 2019

Location: 6360 Flank Drive (Suite 1000), Harrisburg, PA 17112.

Time: 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Action 00: Program review and appreciation:

The May 2019 session open up by expressing gratitude to the entire community for their support in making nine days long religious event (Nava Gyan Maha Yagia) successful. According to OHRC chairman, Tula Ram Neopaney, the organization sincerely value everyone's effort in making the program thriving by investing valuable time and energy to not only make the program successful but to ensure that everything is functioning appropriately throughout the program. Mr. Neopaney

appreciates everyone attending and participating in the event. Mr. Neopaney thank local and out of state priests and artists for helping OHRC to earn the trust. Furthermore, he acknowledged the lunch sponsors, donors, volunteers, floaters, and ladies and gentlemen for their support and partnership in the event. Neopaney added, there are no words to express how thankful we are to Rev. Swami Shree Chakrapani Acharya (Shree Sita Ram Adhikari) for his willingness to educate our community on how to live our lives following dharma and divine principles embodied by Lord Rama.

Action 01: Financial Updates:

The entire collections including previous balance in the General Account amount to \$9391.04, and the total expenditure is \$996.17. The current balance in General Account as of April 2019 is \$8394.87. Likewise, the entire collection in Nepali Education Account (NEA), including the previous balance is \$3601.39, and the expenditure is \$0.00. Therefore, the current balance in NEA is \$3601.39. Furthermore, the total collection with a previous balance

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on Temple Account as of April 2019 is \$189,433.81 and the expenditure of the month is \$9,698.05. So, the Temple Account has a balance of \$179,735.76.

Action 02: NEP session needs and requirements for academic session 2019/20

The former education director Mr. Abhi N Neupane update about the Nepali Education Program (NEP) APPLS training that was seasoned in April 2019. The training was primarily focused on student-centric instruction. The participants of the training voices about the need for additional teaching resources to make the lesson more interactive and relevant to the students' life. The training raises several challenges to the OHRC-NEP team: practical curriculum designing, imparting appropriate teaching pedagogy, incorporating cultural facts in the daily lesson plan, etc. Furthermore, OHRC sincerely acknowledges Mr. Nabin Bhattra for his time and dedication to write the Nepali curriculum for the OHRC-NEP program. Last, not least, Mr. Damber Kumar Chimoriya and Chimoriya family are willing to donate teaching aids for the OHRC-NEP academic session 2020.

Action 03: Construction update and building-inauguration (Silanayesh)

Chief of the construction committee Mr. Yadu Acharya update about the ritualistic inauguration ceremony of Nava HariHar Dham project. The ceremonial inauguration was held in the presence of Rev. Swami Shree Chakra Pani Adhikari (Mr. Sitaram Adhikari) on May 19th, 2019. There was a big mass gathering to observe the ceremony. Mr. Acharya also updated about the recent progress and the works in progress: the soil test was done recently and the committee is waiting for the result of the Highway Occupancy Permit (HOP) and other utilities.

Action 04: Preparation of upcoming Ramanuj Jyanti and Shankaracharya Jayanti:

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Mr. D. P. Siwakoti, the vice-chairman of the OHRC, provided a brief overview of the forthcoming Ramanuja Jayanti and Shankaracharya Jayanti. The preparation of the program is almost to the end. Mr. Siwakoti explained the responsibilities and the division of tasks to prepare the event. OHRC will be launching the detail of the program via the OHRC website, Facebook, and other means. OHRC expected to have the unanimous stand of people from Hindu backgrounds regardless of their sects and sampradayas. Therefore, the board meeting anticipated that everyone come together, keeping aside any differences that may have exists and join hands to celebrate the program.

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. The next meeting will be on the First Sunday of June 2019 (unless otherwise notified).

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