



## **OHRC Board of Directorates Meeting Minutes**

### **Meeting Summary:**

Meeting Name: OHRC Board Meeting  
Date: December 9, 2018  
Location: 4501 Ethel Street Harrisburg, PA 17109  
Time: 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

### **Financial Update:**

Mrs. Saraswati Ghimirey, the lead treasurer of OHRC, presented the financial details as of December 2018. Per Mrs. Ghimirey the total collection with previous balance in the General Account amount to \$6682.13 and the total expenditure is \$1838.55. Thus, the current balance in General Account as of December 2018 is \$4,843.58. Similarly, the entire collection in Nepali Education Account (NEA) is \$6345.09, and the expenditure is \$2189.79. Therefore, the current balance in NEA is \$4155.30. Mrs. Ghimirey further added that the total collection with previous balance on Temple Account as of December 2018 is \$30,006.53 and the expenditure of the month is \$2,107.97. So, the Temple Account has a balance of \$27,898.56.

### **Update on Hearing and Construction:**

The chief of Temple Construction Committee, Mr. Yadu P. Acharya updated the progress on the Nava HariHar Dham development project. Per Mr. Acharya, the schematic design of Nava HariHar Dham prepared by Hannold Associate was approved by Lower Paxton Township, Harrisburg Pennsylvania. The hearing was on November 29, 2018, at 7:00 pm at Lower Paxton township hall. Per Mr. Acharya, the hearing opens up with several questions but panelist of advocates answers very wisely and asst. executive director of OHRC, Mr. Abhi Neopaney made a valid point about the right to religion in the hearing session which served as a value-added point on our sides. Further, Mr. Acharya thanked all the team members who worked hard to reach this height. The next step is to review and select the appropriate and cost-effective proposal from the engineers and begin construction.

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**Updates on OHRC-NEP 2018 Academic Session Closing:**

Organization for Hindu Religion and Culture (OHRC) acknowledge the dedication and input of OHRC-NEP team. BOD meeting thanks to the entire education team for the love, support, guidance, assistance and much more they had done for the community children. Former Education director and curriculum writer Mr. Abhi Neupane update about the academic session conclusion to the BOD meeting. The 2018 OHRC-NEP academic session was concluded on December 12, 2018. The students' progress report was presented at the event.

**Officially Launched OHRC 2019 Calendar**

OHRC officially launched 2019 calendar calculated based on Eastern Time Zone. Per the chief astrologer Mr. Khem Dhital, this is a unique thirty-page calendar that provides access to tithis, Nepali date (gather), nakshatra, feast-festival and much more based on Hindu Vedic system. Mr. Dhital added that the calendar is based on the phases of the Moon, the positions of stars and planets, which helps to identify auspicious times and days for various Vedic activities. The BOD meeting decided to print at least 1000 calendars in the first phase. OHRC calendar is expected to guide to keep track of religious and spiritual events for the people leaving in the Eastern Time Zone. The calendar distribution will be in effect from Tuesday, December 17, 2018.

**Religious Committee Formation:**

The Board of directorate meeting held on December 9, 2018, endorsed the agenda of adding religious committees from various Hindu Sampradayas and Sects to promote the unity among the diverse group of Hindus living in Harrisburg Pennsylvania and beyond. OHRC believes that the Hinduism thrives on diversity. The organization president, Mr. Tula Ram Neopaney, explain that the core principle of OHRC is to fulfill the spiritual need of Nepali speaking Hindu resettled in Harrisburg metro area. The agenda was approved by the complete majority of the attended board of directorates. Therefore, with reference to Article XI (Committee 11.1) and Article XIV (Non-Discrimination Policy), the organization decided to extend the religious and spiritual

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committee to address the spiritual and religious need of the diverse group of Hindus living in Harrisburg Pennsylvania and beyond. Thus, effective December 9, 2018, OHRC invite the committees from all the Hindu groups (Sampradayas and Sects) to join the organization. OHRC is committed to respecting the identity of each group that will be integrated into the organization. The Board of directorates are aware that the different sects in Hinduism have their own rituals, belief, culture as per their guru lineages and they follow different philosophies to get their goals.

Endorsees (Board of Directorates):

1. Mr. Tula R Neopaney (Chairman).
2. Mr. Dhanapati Siwakoti (Vice Chairman).
3. Mr. Sri N Dhital (Secretary).
4. Mrs. Saraswati Ghimire (Treasurer).
5. Mr. Narad Subedi (Treasurer).
6. Mr. Yogi Luitel (Event Manager).
7. Mr. Tika Basnet (Human Resources).
8. Mrs. Kaushila Chimoriya (Education Coordinator).
9. Mrs. Saraswati Rizal (Women and Children).

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