

HRCC 3rd Annual Meeting Minutes held on May 2, 2009

Place of Meeting: Pintu and Sujal Patel Residence

Time: 5:30 PM – 6:45 PM

Number of attendees present: 28 (sign-up sheet contains names of all attendees and will be retained by Alpana Desai as a record of the meeting for future reference).

Jay Reddy thanked all the committee members and organization for all the work done during past year(s). The following are the highlights:

- HRCC is on a sound financial status with approx. 38+ K in bank account.
- Membership raises approx. 11 K revenue per year.
- Presently, 35-37 families are members.
- 6 New members/families have joined recently (Pradeep and Haritha Reddy, Rupal and Suwan Mehra, Sonia and Manie Juneja, Shekhar and Neelam Ghamande, Naren and Julie Patel, n Hemant and Kalpana Patel)
- More and steady revenues/donations are needed for acquiring an independent property or building for HRCC for a long term solution as present place may be small to meet future community need(s). Jay also discussed an interesting proposal that was made by community members to lease their property to HRCC for a \$1/year based on a plan to construct a dual use (Temple and Commercial) building.
- Reiterated briefly about the concept of having an ‘independent’ HRCC property or ‘leased’ property from donors who have vested interest in ‘business/community’ for HRCC on a long-term basis. BT is open for any new idea(s) in this direction.
- Suggested that temple-related ‘donations’ collected should be exclusively utilized for ‘building fund’ for HRCC. We should have a goal of making the temple self-sustaining
- Encouraged members to raise more funds for HRCC and active participation(s) in it’s activities
 - **Jay himself pledged donation of \$10K for HRCC towards any new construction.**
 - **Pintu pledged donation of \$10K for HRCC towards any new construction.**
 - **Requested that more Indian community members should help out.**
- Filing for IRS 1023 status for HRCC has been completed and sent out to the Department. (Thanks to Anjali for all the hard work).
- Chetan presented a diagram/lay-out of ‘future/independent’ 2-level HRCC building with ~ 3,000 sq. ft. Cost for the building is estimated to

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be 250 K -350 K (exclusive of the land price). Hopefully, this dream will come true in coming years!!

- Suggested the following:
 - Community should consider serving food at present location and collect donations for HRCC.
 - Consider (on a volunteer basis) arranging for ‘Bhajan’ group(s), ‘Yoga’ class, “Vedic Math, ‘Dance’ class or any program(s) that would benefit the ‘community.
 - Consider involving the WVU ISA students in the above mentioned activities and provide them with a local Indian support organization.

Jay mentioned that all volunteers who sign up for the BT and the sub-committees should put in the effort and be a true contributor - “walk-the-walk” and not just “talk-the-talk”. It is easy to recommend ideas, but harder to do the work to implement the ideas.

Jay also mentioned that all the sub-committees should perform their activities and make decisions with proper communication and involvement of the sub-committee members. BT members who participate in sub-committees are only there as members on the sub-committee and do not have the decision making power as a result of their BT membership. BT is the one empowered to make key decisions and empower the sub-committees. The sub-committee Chair needs to prepare a plan and a budget and present it to BT. There will be instances when things will have to be acted quickly by a few individuals – and an e-mail stating the intention to the BT and the Sub Committee would be OK in these special circumstances. There were mistakes made in the past and there will be mistakes made in the future, but we are all a team working towards a common goal and vision. It is important to have the team make decisions with appropriate consultation.

Jay thanked all the HRCC members for their dedication, commitment and support through last year. **Jay thanked all the Volunteers for putting in their time and efforts to help HRCC reach the next level.** He then requested the Committee Chairman/members to give a brief report on their committee’s work during last year.

1. Humanitarian Committee:

Juggy and Syamala

Humanitarian Activity for 2008:

- June 2008: 5th Pillar – with their zero rupee note – fighting corruption in India. Raised about \$400

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- October 2nd: Gandhi Day Walkathon – this year focus was on Gandhi/King Lectureship series – Raised about \$2000.
- October Diwali Day: Bihar Tragedy – Raised about \$450.

Dr. Gupta suggested that we have HRCC and Indian committee involvement during local Martin Luther King Day celebration.

Every one thanked Juggy and Syamala and the Humanitarian Committee members for thinking and marching ahead in the above mentioned directions.

Great Work!!

2. Fund Raising Committee:

Pintu Patel said that the Committee will do more work towards raising funds for the upcoming directory. Will be released in 2010.

3. Welcome Committee:

Tulika reinstated the idea of 'Host-family' concept for the incoming WVU students though WVU Indian Association provides this service. She proposed that 'Web-site' should be updated.

1-2 HRCC members should meet and 'welcome' the incoming families to Morgantown just as we do with new neighbors.

Tulika will follow-up on the above proposals with her committee members.

4. Long-term Planning Committee:

Jay provided the detailed – see page 1 of this minutes

5. Education Committee:

Chetan started the summary describing that kid's education – Balavihar and the Lecture series are the two primary activities of the HRCC education committee. Bala Vihar is going well and teachers have put in a lot of effort. The education committee intends to make changes to make the education more interactive, activity driven, and research-oriented.

Subra talked about Balavihar and thanked all volunteers/teachers (Syamala, Rajeswari, Anjali and Vishwanath) involved in conducting the classes. He mentioned that the enrollment is less than previous years and proposed that all parents should encourage the children to attend the classes and also made a proposal about changing the curriculum to make it more attractive to the children...re-introduce the snack program.

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Chetan mentioned that Lecture series has gone well over the last year and Dr. Jagannathan has done a great job in putting this lecture series over the past year and he will be putting together the next series of lectures for the upcoming year.

Tulika suggested that we invite Indian Under-Grad College and High School Students to teach Bala Vihar to the kids, They can accumulate Community Service Hours.

Dr. Jagannathan has sent out independent e-mail about the Lecture series and details are included.

HRCC Lecture Series 2008-09 Report

During the year under review, we announced what we thought could be a regular **Monthly Lecture Series** on topics of great interest to all our community family members. While the holding of the lectures on a monthly basis could not be accomplished in some months due to various reasons, we had 5 lectures arranged between September 2008 and March 2009. The lectures usually followed **the Bala Vihar sessions** and were presented by our colleagues and friends in the Greater Morgantown Area in their chosen field of professional interest. The HRCC Education Committee thanks the following speakers for the interesting topics they presented. We intend to continue our effort regarding the Lecture Series in the new HRCC year and hereby invite all our Community Members:

- a. to suggest topics and lecturers*
- b. volunteer to be a speaker and*
- c. of course, attend the presentations of others*

September 07, 2008:

Development of Atherosclerosis: A Sneak Peek at the Coronary Arteries of Our Kids and Younger Siblings, Age 15-34
S.N.(Jag) Jagannathan, Ph.D.

October 05, 2008:

Energy Outlook for India
Pramod Thakur, Ph.D.

November 02, 2008:

Coronary Heart Disease: Diagnosis and Clinical Management
Abnash Jain, M.D.

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February 22, 2009, 2:30-3:45pm:

The Current Financial Crisis and Our Retirement Funds

Ashok Abbott, Ph.D.

March 01, 2009:

Real Estate Situation in the Greater Morgantown Area:

Tulika Vohra, Realtor, GRI, RRS

Great Work!!

6. Religious and Cultural Committee:

Vishwanath reported about 2008--Seven Festival Puja Celebration conducted in Church, Deepavali Puja at WVU, Ganesh Puja at Westover, Satyanarayan Puja sponsored by Dr and Mrs. Thakur , Janmashtami Puja sponsored by Dr. and Mrs. Shobha Patel, Navratri Celebration by Friends of Navratri and 12-Festival Puja at the Westover Hall.

During Diwali puja, HRCC raised about 140\$ and all were donated to the priest.

Today, on May 2, 2009, during the HRCC Temple Inauguration we collected about 500 \$ in form of donation during puja.

7. HRCC Directory Committee:

Everyone thanked Viji for her outstanding work and spear-heading the efforts for putting up the HRCC Directory. Two years ago, HRCC raised about 6,000 \$ in this efforts.

Viji is already thinking about putting a 'Ganesh Vighraha' picture for the new directory and is fully charged to move ahead with her committee members!

There was discussion about whether the directory should be an annual publication. Directory is a fund raising vehicle and if it does support fund raising than it should be printed annually and with a goal of helping HRCC.

Great Job ...Viji!! We look forward for your continued efforts in the above directions. There were other members who showed interest in helping Viji as needed.

Election of Board of Trustees (BT)

Dr. Jagannathan reported that 12 people accepted nomination for 11 BT positions. This year elected Board of Trustees are committed to lead the organization in a more clear and crisp direction setting out more aggressive

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goals and achieving the set goals. It was decided to have 13 BTs instead of 11 BTs with an additional two (2) BTs. *Please note that 9 BTs are proposed in original by-laws.* The 12 members elected for Board of Trustees (BT) are as follows:

1. Subra Natarajan (President)
2. Juggy Jagannathan (Vice-President)
3. Alpana Desai (Secretary)
4. Sunil Grover (Treasurer)
5. Tulika Vohra
6. Gunjan Gupta
7. Vishwanath Bandaru
8. Pramod Thakur
9. Sushant Agarwal
10. Vijendra Kothari
11. Dushyant Shekhawat
12. Prem Jain

To be in-line with by-laws, committee decided to have a committee with an odd number (#13), and Jay Reddy was nominated by Jag and seconded by Pintu, Anjali and Alpana. Jay was excited and enthusiastic to continue in the BT and all members thanked and congratulated him for coming back!

New BT's tenure will begin on June 1st, 2009.

HRCC members present thanked Jay for making a special trip all the way from Weston (Florida) to attend the 2009-10 General Body Meeting. Everyone appreciated his Leadership, dedication and commitment.

Jay said that it is a HISTORIC MOMENT for HRCC and he wouldn't miss it for the world. He said that the transition to the new BT proves that HRCC is an enduring organization that is bigger than any individual. He also mentioned that the Temple is here to stay and he is confident that we will have a permanent and bigger location in the future.

Jay thanked all the Volunteers for their time and efforts contributed throughout the last year.

Meeting adjourned at ~ 6:45 PM.