



MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (EC) OF THE SHREE PRETORIA HINDU SEVA SAMAJ

Held at The Boardroom, Shree Pretoria Hindu Seva Samaj
Date 27 October 2009
Time 8:40

	RESPONSIBLE	DUE DATE
1. WELCOME AND PRAYER The meeting commenced at 08:40 with a welcome and prayer. A special word of welcome was extended to new members who were not part of the IEC. The President reminded all officials of the enormous responsibility they had of vindicating the trust shown in them by the community. In addition, the modus operandi, the code of conduct and the procedures that will be followed by the EC was explained to new members.		
2. ATTENDANCE & APOLOGIES <i>Apology - None.</i> <i>In Attendance:</i> Prakashbhai Hira, Rameshbhai Chhagan; Anielbhai Soma; Sanjaybhai Govind; Himalbhai Ramjee; Harshaben Dayal; Jagdishbhai Makan; Jyotiben Joshi, Kishorbhai Naran, Pravinbhai Daya, Pranaybhai Devchand, Rakeshbhai Ravjee and Tershiaben Calien		
3. CORRESPONDENCE Due to this being a special meeting, it was agreed not to table any correspondence		
4. NAMES OF PORTFOLIO MEMBERS		
4.1 Members were reminded to send to Rameshbhai the names and contact details of all proposed team members of the various portfolios	All	2 Nov 2009
4.2 Circular to be sent informing community of names of Trustees, Executive Committee & Portfolio members.	R. Chhagan	3 Nov. 2009
5 CONCERNS RAISED BY RAKESHBHAI RAVJEE Rakeshbhai requested clarification on the status of the Navyug Mandal in relation to the Samaj, the extent of its decision-making powers, its independence and financial management. Anielbhai & Rameshbhai explained that the experience of the last year had convinced the committee that it was vital to streamline the Samaj governance and financial management procedures. As a		

consequence, a meeting was held with the previous Navyug officials and the joint decision taken to incorporate the Navyug Mandal into Samaj structures. However, to ensure proper understanding by all concerned, it was decided that a few members of the executive would meet with concerned youth to explain the new arrangement and facilitate the passing of a resolution to this effect.

R. Hira, R.
Chhagan, P.
Daya, A. Soma,
R. Ravjee

3 Nov.

6. PRIORITY LIST FOR 2010

It was agreed that the activities listed below would serve as a focus point for the EC over the coming year:

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| 6.1 | Establish Samaj Office , including providing facilities for storage of documents | K. Naran, H.
Ramjee, R.
Chhagan | 23 Nov 09 |
| 6.2 | Samaj's 80th Anniversary Celebrations in 2012 . It was decided that preparations should commence to observe this important milestone | S. Govind &
team | 23 Nov 09 |
| 6.3 | Establishment of Retirement Village . Members felt that this issue needs serious consideration and further consultation and discussion. A task team was formed to take the process further | R. Chhagan, S.
Govind, P. Hira,
A. Soma | 23 Nov 09 |
| 6.4 | Modernising Gujarati School & provision of Adult Gujarati classes | Harshaben &
team | 23 Nov 09 |
| 6.5 | Deepening Understanding of Hindu Dharma . | P. Joshi, J.
Makan & team | 23 Nov 09 |
| 6.6 | Crematorium, Hearse Issue & Funeral Plan . It was felt a team was needed to look at both short-and-long term solutions to the crematorium issue, the quality of hearse currently being used by our preferred undertaker and the investigation of a funeral plan concept | K. Naran, B.
Kooverjee, A.
Soma, R.
Chhagan, J.
Makan | 23 Nov 09 |
| 6.7 | Renovations of Samaj Laudium Premises . Kishorbhai presented an exhaustive list of needed repairs. He was asked to get quotes and present a budget at the next meeting | K. Naran & team | 23 Nov 09 |
| 6.8 | Management of Samaj Marabastad Centre . Sanjaybhai indicated that he is currently concluding an agreement with one tenant to recover a debt of R100 000 and that leases are being finalised. He also agreed to serve on a Marabastad Forum initiated by the City Council to represent Samaj interests and to pursue the allocation of other sites that rightfully belong to the Samaj | S. Govind &
team, A. Soma | 23 Nov 09 |
| 6.9 | Pretoria (Tshwane) Indian Heritage Forum . Rameshbhai | R. Chhagan, | 23 Nov 09 |

	reported that he end 4 other members attended a meeting of this forum which is planning to celebrate next year 150 years of Indians arrival to South Africa & Pretoria	Rookhi & Amaldas Soma, H. Dayal, J. Joshi	
6.10	Social Support for Community. It was agreed that a team needs to investigate the need for providing support to the community.	J. Joshi & Team, P. Devchand	23 Nov 09
6.11	Widening Bursary Support. It was suggested that ways be found to widen educational support to deserving students by looking at various financial measures.	P. Devchand & team	23 Nov 09
6.12	Participating in Bharatiya Pravasi Divya activities. Pravinbhai felt that the Samaj should consider participating in this international forum for Non-Resident Indians (NRI's).	P. Daya	23 Nov 09
7.	FORENSIC AUDIT PROGRESS		
	Anielbhai reported that due to various circumstances his next meeting with ABSA to pursue our case of recovering the stolen money will only take place around 18 November. Tayfin's investigation has also revealed evidence of the movement of money between accounts taking place prior to 2008, although it was unclear whether these movements constituted attempts at fraud. Letters have been sent by Tayfin to the previous trustees requesting them to provide certain information in respect to their roles as trustees. Rameshbhai expressed concern that because of the legalistic nature of these letters, some trustees were viewing them in a negative light. It was agreed that Prakashbhai will request a meeting with these individuals so as to clarify any concerns they might have. Himalbhai will provide Prakashbhai with contact details	Prakashbhai Himalbhai	3 Nov 09
8	GENERAL		
8.1	Rameshbhai tabled a request from Harsulaben Naik for the Samaj to provide a generator for her daughter's up-coming wedding. Members agreed that the Samaj needs to investigate the possibility of acquiring generators and linking them to the power supply so that they can kick-in when power fails. However, due to lack of funds this was not possible in the immediate future.	R. Chhagan	3 Nov 09
8.2	Jagdishbhai wanted clarity on the process to be followed to hire someone for the washing of mandir utensils. He was informed that his committee should make a decision in consultation with the Treasurers.	J. Makan; A. Soma	
8.3	The question on whether the Samaj should host a havan to mark new beginnings as originally proposed, was raised. It was decided that this matter be held in abeyance for a decision in the new year.		
8.4	Pravinbhai requested that a discussion be held to resolve the issue of his nomination in the elections. Prakashbhai undertook to deal with this with affected parties at a later stage	P. Hira	23 Nov 09

9 **NEXT MEETING**

It was agreed that the next and last meeting for the year would take place on Monday 23 November and that all meetings for 2010 be scheduled to take place on the third Monday of every month.

10 **PRAYER & CLOSURE**

The meeting ended with a prayer at 10:30

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rameshbhai Chhagan', written in a cursive style.

**RAMESHBHAI CHHAGAN
SECRETARY- GENERAL**