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Minutes of Meeting

Board of Directors Meeting

2:00PM - 4:00PM, Saturday, July 11, 2026

Unitarian Universalist Church

5310 Old Mill Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46807

Attendees:

Ajay Gupta

Hitesh Patel

Shanmugasundaram Subramanian

Neerja Singh

Vasant Mapara

Abhijit Shukla

Harish Ardeshta

Proxies

Reena Thapa (Abhijit Shukla)

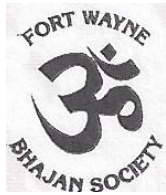
Pallavi Merchant (Neerja Singh)

Vikram Pal Gupta (Abhijit Shukla)

Ramani Krishnan (Ajay Gupta)

Jayesh Patel (Ajay Gupta)

- The President called the meeting in session, and the meeting started at 2:06 PM;
- Hitesh motioned to approve the May 30th Board meeting minutes, seconded by Neerja, and the motion was approved by all;
- The Board decided to inaugurate Dr. Manubhai Patel Community Center on Sunday, September 20, 2026. The following points were discussed and accepted for further actions:
 - The president requested all the board of directors to keep their calendar open for that day;
 - The president also emphasized the need to plan and move the items from Unitarian Church to the center;
 - The start time for the poojas related to the inauguration will be 7:00 AM and the poojas will be conducted by a priest;
 - Stage for placing the Murthis in the Altair area; Hitesh informed that he is in possession of a set of stage;
 - As identified by Sharmaji, the religious program will include: Ganesh puja, Sankalpa, Kalash Staapan, Ganesh Hawan, Siva Hawan, Lakshmi Narayanan Hawan, Sri Krishna Hawan, Poornahuthi, Prana Pratishtha, Sarva Devatha Abhishekam, Arathi and Prasad;
 - The board constituted sub-committees to carryout various activities for the center inauguration:



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- i. Food - Pallavi and Neerja
 - ii. Decoration - Neerja
 - iii. Finance - Abhijit
 - iv. Pooja and Religious - Ramani and Sundar
 - v. Logistics - Hitesh
 - vi. Communication - Vikram
 - The directors were requested to be at the center on September 19th between 2PM and 6PM for the next day preparations. In the meantime, as time permits, decided to move the materials out of the church;
 - Hitesh to explore
 - a suitable signage for the center building and entrance, and the required permits;
 - post box location after the building completion and work with the post master;
 - dumpster;
 - Hitesh, Abhijit and Sundar to work on the operating expense forecast;
 - Abhijit reviewed the financial situation and presented consolidated cash balances of various accounts. Abhijit motioned to approve the cash balance statements, which was seconded by Hitesh and carried out by all;
 - Abhijit to explore property insurance based on replacement cost basis as recommended by Hitesh. Also, to revisit builders' risk insurance and directors liability insurance;
 - Hitesh proposed to get a sample of commercial and food grade stainless steel counter top with three drawers, one cabinet, wall shelf, table with back splash plate and wire-cage shelving unit for the kitchen for the amount of \$3,054. He presented the catalogues of various items for the directors to review. Ajay motioned to approve this request, seconded by Neerja and carried out by all;
 - Hitesh proposed:
 - to get commercial grade cooking range with six burners (Mainstreet brand) for the amount of \$879 (he presented a smaller 30-inch residential unit with a price tag of \$800 for comparison);
 - to get a Mainstreet refrigerator of 54" size with solid door and stainless steel for the price of \$1,469 and Midea 50/50 flex unit for the price of \$800 (for comparison a large residential refrigerator would cost \$1,400); and
 - Hitesh motioned to approved this request, which was seconded by Neerja and carried out by all.
 - The meeting was adjourned by the President at 4:10PM.
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- After the conclusion of the meeting, the directors visited the center construction site for progress review. Hitesh guided the visit and explained the various on-going activities as well as the plan for the future. The height of the storage room walls at both the sides of the Altair was discussed, and was decided to achieve about 13 feet. The directors departed the center after the visit around 5:45PM.