

Minutes of BAGH GBM 2005

Number of Members present: 20 (Quorum satisfied)

Venue: Taste of India, West Hartford

The meeting called to order by President, Monosij Mazumdar. The agenda was introduced and unanimously agreed.

1. New Executive Committee introduced
2. Durga Puja dates were announced and agreed as Oct 14, 15 and 16.
3. New venue was suggested to reduce venue cost substantially. It was suggested that schools outside of West Hartford (S. Windsor and Glastonbury) be considered, which may offer significant savings over W. Hartford schools.
4. S. Windsor Timothy Edwards School was suggested as a lower cost option. Action item to find out how soon BAGH can have access to the stage to set up decoration.
5. Food is set to be strictly vegetarian. Use of kitchen is highly discouraged due to cleaning and safety issues, and bad experience in the past
6. It is suggested that an year-around insurance coverage may be cheaper than the per event coverage. Gopalda to explore
7. Cultural program: Gautamda to coordinate with Boston. Anup Ghoshal to be finalized for Saturday evening.
8. Charitable donation to Red Cross for Katrina approved by unanimous vote
9. Durga Puja expenses estimated, buffer reserves set, and total revenue collection goals for Durga Puja is set.
10. Separate fund for cultural program is suggested by Saumitrada. Suggestion to identify a number of families to sponsor at the rate of \$100/family. Action item for Saumitrada and Mahuadi to coordinate
11. Coupon system discussed for Durga Puja. One coupon per person per event (meal or cultural program). Coupon price set at \$12 each, with 50% student discount
12. Unanimous decision to NOT hold Laxmi Puja on the following week, or on the same Sunday.
13. Bijoya may be considered as a standalone program to follow Durga Puja. Proposals to be considered. (Saumitrada)
14. Stage decorations:
 - a. Tapas to talk to Deepadi and Ratnadi and coordinate tasks
 - b. Lights (Arindam, Sudipto, Somnath)
 - c. Puja (Gautamda, Anitadi, Neelanjanadi)
 - d. Protima Transport (Sudipto)
 - e. Brochure (Minatidi). Brochure Ads rates discussed.
15. Meeting Adjourned.