

*Minutes
of
BAGH Inc.
General Body Meeting
September 7, 2003*

Members present:

- Ratna and Subrata Ray,
- Sib Ray,
- Sudip Bhattacharjee,
- Saumitra Banerjee,
- Tapas Banerjee,
- Sudhangshu Bose,
- Monosij Mazumdar,
- Nitis and Mahua Mukhopadhyay,
- Tapas Roy,
- Sudipto Ghoshal,
- Raj Ray,
- Satya Pati,
- Pradip and Pritha Basu,
- Swapan Mukherjee,
- Dhipati and Papia Chanda,
- Bandhana and Indrajit Purakasthya,
- Gautam Moulik.,
- Tirthanker and Deepa Choudhury,
- Anil Ray

Venue:

University of Connecticut, West Hartford campus cafeteria.

The meeting was called to order by Sudhangshu Bose. The agenda was brought up and agreed unanimously by all present.

1. Executive committee members were introduced to all members present.
2. The constitution was circulated among all present and ratified. All were aware that the constitution is posted on the BAGH Inc. website.
3. Item one on the agenda was donation of \$ 4100.00 from the Bengalee Association of Greater Hartford to BAGH Inc. The motion was proposed by Monosij Mazumdar and seconded by Dhipati Chanda. The current treasurer will clarify the tax ramifications of such a transfer. Sudip Bhattacharjee to open a bank account for BAGH Inc.
4. Registration of BAGH Inc was completed on 8/21/03. Monosij Mazumdar brought everyone up to date.

5. Tax exempt status for BAGH Inc will be applied for. Sudip Bhattacharjee to do the needful.
6. Durga Puja venue and date was discussed. The venue has been decided on unanimously as Sedgwick Middle School, West Hartford. Date of Puja: October 3rd, 4th and 5th. Final arrangements to be completed by Tapas and Saumitra Banerjee.
7. The committee discussed about the Puja cards to be mailed to BAGH Inc members and the Greater Hartford community. Card mailing to be coordinated by Tapas Banerjee. Sudhangshu Bose to prepare card message.
8. BAGH Inc. Letter head to be prepared by Sudhangsu Bose.
9. A PO Box for BAGH Inc. to be opened by Tapas Banerjee.
10. BAGH Inc Membership was discussed. Fee to be collected during Durga Puja. Life membership will be \$ 300.00 and annual membership \$ 10 for students, \$ 20 for individuals and \$30 for families. These rates are for this calendar year.
11. Website : Up and running. Domain Name is www.BAGH Online.org. Somnath Deb to oversee details.
12. Magazine: Get ads as soon as possible. All members requested to act promptly. \$ 150 for back cover, \$ 120 for full page, half page \$ 75.00, quarter page \$40.00.
13. Suggested Puja Donation rates
 - Grand Sponsor - \$ 200
 - Sponsors - \$125
 - Non Sponsor family - \$ 75
 - Non Sponsor Individual - \$ 40
 - Student - \$ 15.
14. Stage decoration to be overseen by Tirthankar Choudhury. Rental if needed.
15. Site visit (Sedgwick School) by Tapas Banerjee, Saumitra Banerjee, Tirthankar Choudhary, Tapan Roy to finalize arrangements.
16. Puja flowers to be arranged by Dipa Choudhury, Mrs Samhita Das, Mrs Pati.
17. Durga Puja to be performed by Gautam Moulik, assisted by Nilanjana Maulik, Raj Ray.
18. Chandipath : Dipak Banerjee
19. Sound System: Donated by Bengalee Association of Greater Hartford.
20. On site cooking on 3 and 5 Oct to be arranged and coordinated by Dhipati Chanda.
21. Food : Taste of India selected for catering due to proximity to the Puja site. To be arranged by Saumitra Banerjee. Menu items discussed.
22. Pratima transport to be overseen by Saumitra Banerjee
23. Plates, cups etc to be purchased by Gopal Das.
24. Laxmi Puja Date 11 Oct, agreed upon by all present.
25. Venue for Laxmi Puja : East Hartford Methodist Church.
26. Laxmi puja to be performed by Dr Subrata Ray.
27. Liability Insurance for the Durga Puja event to be arranged by Mahua Mukhopadhyay.
28. Resignation of Executive committee member Partha Pal was accepted. The general body unanimously nominated Sudipto Ghoshal to replace him as EC member for the current committee.

The meeting was called to a close by Sudhangshu Bose at 5.30 PM.