



*Nepal Education and Cultural Center (NECC)
(Pashupati-Buddha Mandir)*

Meeting Minute No. 6

Meeting: Executive Committee
Chaired by: Khilendra Neupane, President, NECC Executive Committee
Venue: NECC Office
Date: October 7, 2018
October 11, 2018 (Conference Meeting)

Meeting Attendees: Umesh Niroula, Madhu Sudan Bhandari, Shridhar Gyawali, Khilendra Mani Neupane, Krishna Nirola, Saroj Prajapati, Parashu Timalisina, Laxman Pradhan, Lok Tiwari, Pancha Shrestha, Netra Ghising, Krishna Prajapati, Parsu Ram Bhandari, Bishnu Sheetal, Puru Ghimire, Shanti Shrestha, Shanti Neupane, Magan Shrestha, Nani Babu Shrestha, Rajendra Chhetri, Bamdev Aryal, Krishna Bhandari, Rita Nirola, Gopal Mainali, Kabindra Sitoula, Govinda Giri, Krishna Bhandari, Man B. Nirola, Ram Chandra Kharel, Dr. Mahendra Karki, and Dr. Hari Sharma.

Informed unable to attend: Dr. Shashi Upadhya, Dr. Mahendra Karki, Hari K Sharma, Bharati Chand, Vijaya Shah, Narayan Kharel, Shashi Rayamajhi, Subarna Panta, Chetnath Bhandari, Ram Chandra Bhattarai, Yashoda Bhandari, Shushan Manandhar, and Gopal Rayamajhi.

Agendas and Decisions:

- 1. Appreciation and Fundraising Event Review:** NECC celebrated 18th Anniversary in two major sessions; morning and evening. Morning session was conducted with puja and meditation. Many devotees participated to this event. For the evening session, appreciations and fund raising banquet was organized at Waterford Spring Field, VA where over two hundred thousand dollars was raised including pledged commitment amount. Additionally, Sagoon Foundation has pledged equity share of \$100K at the dinner banquet and another \$100k at the meeting today. Altogether, \$400,000.00 was raised to the NECC. The warrant stock of \$200,000.00 has been signed by Govinda Giri (Founder/CEO of Sagoon, Inc) and Khilendra M Neupane (President of the NECC) during the NECC meeting today. Meeting sincerely thanked to Sagoon Foundation and all the generous donors, hard-working team members who managed the event to make "Well Organized". Meeting also appreciated to friends from media, artists, pundits, food sponsors, photographer, DJ, galaxy event organizer, and Waterford management team for providing the venue with the generous hospitality.



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2. **Donation and Follow-up:** As committed at the fundraising dinner, Khilendra & Shanti Neupane handed over \$5,500.00 check to the NECC treasurer Laxman Pradhan. Vice Treasurer Pancha Shrestha deposited \$51,681.00 to the NECC account and the account balance at the bank exceed \$100k for the first time. Fundraising dinner was huge success and it's important to follow-up, send a recognition letter to the donors, and need to keep the donation database up to date. Meeting assigned to finance team members for the tasks as follow:
Follow-up for the pledge donation: Pancha Shrestha
Recognition letter to donors: Ram Chandra Bhattarai
Database and credit card payment set-up: Laxman Pradhan
3. **Project Selection and Permit Process:** Septic permit (732047) has approved from the County and meeting thanked to the engineering team specially Ram Pradhan, Umesh Niroula, Gopal Mainali, and Ram Lal Shrestha for their tireless efforts. Meeting discussed to identify/select the most priority work among the many projects. Meeting agreed to build septic tank and toilets immediately. Meeting assigned following members to work on tasks as below:
Engineering work and Permit Process from the County: Umesh Niroula, Ram Pradhan, Gopal Mainali, and Ram Lal Shrestha
Bathroom and Hall Renovation: Krishna Prajapati, Nani Babu Shrestha, Netra Ghising, Umesh Niroula, and Khilendra Neupane
Buddha Project: Saroj Prajapati, Shanti Shrestha, Magan Shrestha, Buddha Ratna Maharjan, and Uttar Lama
Shiva Project: Lok Tiwari, Bishnu Sheetal, Bamdev Aryal, Puru Ghimire, Rajendra Chhetri, and Vijay Shah
4. **Priest Selection:** President Khilendra Neupane informed to the meeting that priest selection committee reviewed the few resumes and interviewed with Khilaraj Pandit a week ago. Almost all the committee members agreed to hire Mr. Pandit and outgoing priest Sridhar Gyawali also endorsed Pandit' s appointment.

NECC priest selection committee held a conference meeting on October 11, 2018 and decided to hire Khilaraj Pandit with mutually aggregable compensation package. The committee consulted with both incoming/outgoing priests and decided to hire to Khilaraj Pandit from January 1, 2019. Meeting assigned Saroj Prajapati and Laxman Pradhan to prepare a contract with a probation of one year. Meeting also assigned Khilendra Neupane, Saroj Prajapati, Lok Tiwari, Netra Ghising, Laxman Pradhan, and Parashu Timalisina to prepare a job description, responsibilities, and job review form for the new priest.
5. **Review of Executive Team Members:** NECC Executive team has completed their first year and meeting realized to review member's volunteer performance. President



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Khilendra Neupane proposed to put in 3 categories for the team such as core team, active team, and member at large based on their responsibilities and availability. Meeting agreed with Mr. Neupane and assigned to Khilendra Neupane, Saroj Prajapati, Netra Ghising, and Parashu Timalisina for this task.

6. **Additional Advisors:** Vice President Umesh Niroula proposed Mr. Ram Pradhan, Mr. Gopal Mainali and Mr. Ram Lal Shrestha for the NECC Advisory Board and meeting nominated them unanimously. All three engineers have contributed to the NECC tremendously especially in engineering work for many years.
7. **NECC Policy, Property, and Planning:** Dr. Hari Sharma, Mr. Krishna Nirola, and Dr. Mahendra Karki assured to the meeting that they will take care issues (if any) that regards to policy, property, and planning of the NECC. They further stressed that NECC is doing outstanding/moving forward and we all need to focus on fundraising and construction in compliance of county code to complete the short-term goal within 3-5 years. Meeting sincerely thanked to them for their commitment.
8. **Deusi-Bhailo Preparation:** NECC will play Deusi-Bhailo on November (3,4,10,11,12, and 17) more effectively. Meeting assigned Parashu Timalisina, Narayan Kharel, Bishnu Sheetal, Ram Chandra Kharel, Ram Chandra Bhattarai, Parsuram Bhandari, Khilendra Neupane, Saroj Prajapati, Netra Ghising, and Yashoda Bhandari for this task. Meeting assigned Gopal Rayamajhi and Lok Tiwari to manage a bus for the Deusi-Bhailo team.
9. **Website and Media Update:** Parashu Timalisina informed to the meeting that Shushan Manandhar will update the website by end of the October. Parsu Ram Bhandari said that he will take care of the social media for the NECC.
10. **Durga Puja and Jamara Distribution:** Pandit Sridhar Gyawali will perform the Durga Puja from October 9 through 18. He will distribute the Tika and Jamara on October 19, 2018. Prajapati Family (Saroj & Krishna) will do the Lakha Batti Puja and Bhajans on October 20, 2018 at the Pashupati-Buddha Mandir.
11. **Establishment of Lords:** Pundit Sridhar Gyawali recommended to bring brand new statue of lords made by marbles as follow: i. Lord Ganesh ii. Lord Laxmi Narayan iii. Lord Durga iv. Lord Nawagraha v. Lord Pashupatinath vi. Lord Radha Krishna vii. Lord Sita Ram viii. Hanuman and ix. Basaha (Bull). In Hindu practice, these Goddess are most worshipped and he stressed to establish them to reflect the divinity in the temple premise.
12. **National Dignitaries:** International Literary Nepalese Society, DC Chapter president Mr. Ram Prasad Khanal requested NECC to erect the statue of Bhanu Bhakta



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Aacharya at the NECC premises. He further promised that ILNS will pay all the construction cost and will be responsible to take care after the statue erection as well. Meeting agreed to separate a spot for the national dignitaries and make an attractive park. Meeting also decided that requester must fulfill following three conditions: i. Receive Platinum of membership the NECC, ii. Ready to pay all the costs associate with the statue per a standard designed by the NECC. and iii. Contract to take care of the park year around.

13. Thanks for the Food/Prasad: Meeting thanked to Shanti Neupane for making Sell-Roti during the meeting and served the prasad at the end of the meeting.

Meeting Adjourned: The NECC Executive Committee President Mr. Khilendra Mani Neupane adjourned the meeting thanking all the team members for their great support and active participation.

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With Regards,
Netra Ghising
General Secretary, NECC
Greater Washington DC