



Nepal Education and Cultural Center (NECC)

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Executive Committee Meeting

NECC Meeting Minutes 18
Sunday, August 6, 2017
Chaired by Khilendra Neupane

NECC Board of Trustee and Executive Committee joint meeting:

Meeting Attendees:

Prem Raja Mahat, Madhab Path, Krishna Nirola, Rita Nirola, Saroj Prajapati, Krishna Prajapati, Madhu Sudan Bhandari, Yashoda Bhandari, Dr. Mahendra Karki, Ram C Kharel, Netra Ghising, Khilendra Neupane, Parashu Timalina, Parshu Ram Bhandari, Dr. Shashi Upadhyaya, Puru Ghimire, Krishna Dharabasi, Anandu Lama Theeng, Govind Shrestha, Prabhaa Deuja, Narayan Kharel, Mohani Lal Kafle, Prem Paudel, Hari K Sharma, Buddha Maharjan, Reema Katuwal,

Informed not to be able to attend the meeting:

Laxman Pradhan (Out of country), Kabindra Sitoula, Prem and Manju Sangraula, Umesh Niroula,

Meeting Agendas and Decisions:

1. Money Count: \$2,058.00 was collected during the meeting and details are as below:
Advertise for Namaste = \$101.00 (Dr. Hari/Indira Sharma)
Donation from Shishir ji = \$15.00 (fifty cents/day)
Donations from Janardan ji = \$30.00 (fifty cents/day)
Count from Donation Box = \$315.00
Collection from Pundit jee = \$1,597.00
President Khilendra Neupane made deposit of this collected amount to the NECC account.
2. Buddha Murti Shipment and Construction Update: The Buddha Statue has arrived at our Mandhir. Meeting sincerely thanked to Mr. Prem Raja Mahat along other volunteers who put their time and effort to have this giant murti landed in the temple. Construction for the Podium of the Buddha Murti is in progress and will be completed by the end of the August, 2017. Meeting sincerely thanked to Umesh Niroula and entire NECC Engineer team for their great work.

3. Pran-Pratisthan, Fundraising, and Lumbini Garden: Buddha Maharjan informed to the meeting that Pran-Pratisthan will start by the Lama Guru from August 12 and will take at least a week to complete the process. Paramparagat Buddha Dharma Sangh, Byoma Kush Buddha Dharma Sangh, and Tamang Society of Greater Washington DC will volunteer for this spiritual work. Also, all above mentioned organizations will do the fundraising and start prepare the Lumbini Garden as well. Meeting requested to Buddha Maharjan, Pravin Tamrakar, and Kush Mainali to coordinate this important task.
4. Shree Krishna Janmasthan: NECC is celebrating **Shree Krishna Janmasthan on Monday, August 14, 2017 from 7:00pm onward** and Prasad will be sponsored by Ghar-E-Kabab. Meeting thanked in advance to Lok Tiwari and Chetnath Bhandari for their generosity. Meeting requested to NECC team members and community members to participate for this celebration.
5. Teej Brata Puja: NECC is celebrating **Teej Brata Puja on Thursday, August 24, 2017 from 11:00pm**, and Meeting assigned Saroj Prajapati to coordinate this grand celebration with Group Puja, Teej Songs, and Dance in all day long. Meeting requested to NECC team members to contact Mrs. Prajapati for the volunteer. Meeting requested entire community members to participate for this grand puja and the celebrations.
6. Inauguration Ceremony: Meeting decided to hold an **Inauguration Ceremony of the Buddha Murti on Sunday, September 17, 2017**. Meeting assigned Krishna Nirola, Prem Raja Mahat, Khilendra Neupane, Saroj Prajapati, and Netra Ghising to coordinate this grand ceremony. Meeting also decided to reach out to the non-Nepali community members and assigned to Puru Ghimire, Hari K Sharma, and Pravin Tamrakar to invite guests and interested people from Buddhist community. Mr. Prem Raja Mahat informed to the meeting that Giant Buddha Murti donor and Nepali billionaire Mr. Binod Chaudhary will join the inauguration ceremony. Moreover; meeting requested entire community members to mark their calendar to participate for this life time opportunity.
7. NECC Anniversary Celebration: The joint meeting of Executive Committee and Board of Trustee decided to celebrate **17th NECC anniversary on Sunday, October 29, 2017**. This year, the celebration is delayed due to Dashain on September 30 and other events in early October.
8. Deusi-Bhailo: NECC has been celebrating Deusi-Bhailo since 2014 and it's a great way to promote culture, reach out to the community, and to raise the fund. This year, NECC is planning to **celebrate Deusi-Bhailo from October 14 through 28, 2017**. Meeting requested Mr. Parashu Timalisina to coordinate this great event as he coordinated successfully in the past years.
9. Namaste Publication: Chief Editor Parashu Timalisina informed to the meeting that he had formed a youth Namaste team including Sahara Shrestha, Bikal

Paudel, Aayush Thapa, Priti Rayamajhi, and Sunexa KC. The new team already held a meeting and thanked to NECC for giving them this great opportunity for the publication. The team is ready to work with high energy. Management Chief Mr. Parsuram Bhandari promised to focus on collecting advertisement for Namaste after the NRN election on August 12, 2017. Mr. Timalina requested NECC team to cooperate and provide all the articles, reports, database, policies by August 20, 2017. Meeting also requested to all the NECC team members, volunteers, and community members to write an article with their thoughtful experience of the NECC and assist team to collect advertisement for Namaste as soon as possible. The Namaste will be published on the auspicious occasion of Dashain festival 2017.

10. NECC Election Commission: The 3 years term for both Executive Committee and Board of Trustee is going to be completed in October and President Khilendra Neupane requested to the meeting to form an election commission in order to process the election in October 2017. The joint meeting thanked and greatly appreciated Mr. Neupane for grand success of his first tenure and requested him to continue for the second term. Since Mr. Neupane is not interested for the second term, BOT Chair Mr. Krishan Nirola proposed three members Election Commission comprising of the following individuals (per bylaws commissioner must be Life Member of the NECC): Dr. Mahendra Karki (Chair), Hari K. Sharma (Member), and Ram Chandra Kharel (Member). Meeting agreed with Mr. Nirola's proposal and authorized to this commission to appoint 2 more members if necessary. The election commission will start the election process and announce both Executive and Board of Trustee Committee at the upcoming anniversary day on Sunday, October 29, 2017.
11. Fountain: ANS Vice President Prabha Deuja and General Secretary Prem Paudel proposed to donate a water fountain on behalf of ANS. Meeting requested them to donate a fountain at the Lumbini Garden. Prabha Deuja agreed to build a fountain and coordinate with other organizations from greater Washington DC to show the community unity in the iconic place of the Nepalese community. Meeting greatly appreciated for her initiation.
12. Meeting Adjourned: NECC President Mr. Khilendra Neupane adjourned the meeting thanking all the team members for their great support and active participant in the meeting.

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