First Quarter SAMM Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Meeting Venue: 16111 Los Sedona, Helotes, TX 78023 (Rasika Ghawghawe's Residence)

Date: February 24, 2019

Time: 9:25 am - 11:00 am

Attendees:

Vitthal Kulkarni (President)

Varsha Sukhatankar (Communication Vice President)

Rasika Ghawghawe (Events Vice President)

Mahesh Gune (Treasurer)

Amol Kulkarni (Secretary)

- 1. Meeting started when full coram was present.
- 2. Meeting agenda is attached to these meeting minutes as Exhibit A.

3. **Updates from President:**

- The Makarsankrant program organized of 2019 was a success due to overwhelming support by San Antonio Marathi people.
- SAMM has bought liability insurance for year 2019 to cover any programs organized by SAMM.
- The SAMM website will be up and running by mid-March. The SAMM has hired a experienced free lancer (Christopher Peter) for website design. A payment for 3 years is made to GoDaddy for domain and storage. The recommendation at this time is to upload any large size videos on YouTube and provide link on SAMM website due to storage capacity concerns. The photos can be directly uploaded on the SAMM website. The website designer may provide regular maintenance (upload / remove program specific contents from the website) of the website or a volunteer could perform this task. No decision was made in regards to the website maintenance.

4. Updates from the Treasurer:

 A business checking accounts are opened for SAMM and SAMM Marathi School in BB&T bank San Antonio branch. The accounts for SAMM and Marathi School are separate. The account balance in SAMM account is approx \$4,100.00. The balance reflects original donations and net transactions [money obtained (program fees, memberships) - money spent] made during the Ganapati 2018, Diwali 2018 and MakarSankrant 2019 functions. The account balance in SAMM Marathi School account is \$500.00 (donation from SAMM member).

- The SAMM has acquired a credit card.
- The SAMM has ordered new checks. The free checks given by the bank at the time of opening accounts has already ran out.
- The treasurer is using WaveApps website for keeping track of all the SAMM expenses.
- The treasurer mentioned that SAMM has received a reminder from IRS about filing taxes for 2018 tax year. The general consensus is to contact Indra Desai, a professional tax preparer, for filing taxes.
- A payment of \$50.00 was made to Bruhan Maharashtra Mandal of North America (BMM) for registration and making their curriculum available to SAMM Marathi School. The SAMM is 111th member of BMM in North America.

5. Upcoming Gudipadwa Function (April 6th, 2019):

- There are total eight (8) food stalls who have registered so far. The SAMM shall provide water
 and tea. Also SAMM will also provide one (1) table and two (2) chairs per stall. The cooking /
 frying shall not allowed at the stall or in the program venue. Only heating food shall be allowed.
 A power extension cords may be required by 3-4 food stalls. These could be provided by SAMM
 depending on availability.
- All attendees will pay for their own food.
- The function will be open to IASA members too. The IASA members will be charged with SAMM non-member fee.
- All food stall owners shall pay their stall fee to the treasurer by March 10th. The fee will non-refundable. The communication VP shall send email to that effect in next couple of days.
- An option of making face painting for kids and games for kids available was discussed during the
 meeting. Depending on the response from the people, more than one person may be hired by
 SAMM for face painting.

6. Rachana Bodas Program (May 4th, 2019)

- It was decided that the baby sitting / daycare will not be provided by SAMM. All attendees shall arrange daycare for their kids on their own. The SAMM shall not be responsible for any kids care due to liability reason.
- The donors and sponsors shall be given a preferred sitting in the front rows depending on their level of sponsorship.
- The event is scheduled between 4:00 pm 6:30 pm. The SAMM BOD shall be at the venue little before the event time to make any necessary arrangements.
- According to treasurer the tickets can be bought online on HungamaCity or off-line. For offline
 ticket payment shall be made via check / cash. The online purchase (using credit cards) requires
 additional charges.

- The SAMM shall print one hundred (100) flyers of the program and distribute them to Indian grocery stores and restaurants for event advertising.
- The president will contact UTSA department of music for advertising the program.
- 6. The president was contacted by Sashi Rekha in regards to the dance performance during the Makarsankrant function. The video of the dance was posted on YouTube. Sashi Rekha claims that the choreography by Riya Dani was not her original and it was the same dance steps which Riya Dani learned when Riya Dani was part of the group which Sashi Rekha choreographed in the past. The consensus was that no action by SAMM is required at this time. Prior to next performances SAMM shall provide a form to the performers for listing the name(s) of the performer(s) and the choreographer(s). It is up to the performers to make sure that no copy right laws are broken. The SAMM will not be responsible if any copy right laws are broken.
- 7. The SAMM is in the process of getting new SAMM banner printed.
- 8. The SAMM is planning to arrange a picnic in summer 2019 (probably in June). The communication VP will call park(s) to enquire about charges, cancellation policy etc.
- 9. The date and venue for the next SAMM board of directors meeting will be decided at later date. The secretary will communicate with BOD and advisors once the date, venue and agenda for the meeting is confirmed.
- 10. The president adjourned the meeting at 11:00 am.

- End of meeting minutes -

EXHIBIT "A"

SAN ANTONIO MAHARASHTRA MANDAL

MEETING AGENDA

2019, 1st Quarter Meeting

Date: February 24, 2019; **Time**: 9 AM **Location**: Rasika Ghawghawe's residence

Invitees: Mahesh Gune, Amol Kulkarni, Rasika Ghawghawe, Varsha Sukhtankar, and Vitthal

Kulkarni, Madhukar Panday, Indra Desai, Raju Kulkarni

Attendees:

Topics			
1.	Updates by Vitthal Kulkarni		
2.	Next event Gudhi Padwa program: discussion and planning		
3.	Rachna Bodas Program discussion		
4.	Discussion on policy for accepting cultural performances in Mandal events		
Action items		Responsible	Target
Next scheduled meeting			