AUSTRALIAN COUNCIL OF HINDU CLERGY

Annual General Meeting.

Held at Srimandir Auburn NSW on the 16th of September 2018

Present: Pandits Venkatraman, Dave, Bhatt, Athreiya, Sivan and Dr. Meenakshi.

Apologies: S. Sharma, Adhvaryu, Bhattar.

Face-time: Returning officer Sriman Pandey.

Meeting opened 15:20 closed 17:30

**Matters arising.**

1. Welcome and Introduction by Secretary Athreiya.
2. Financial report given by Sivan in absence of D.Sharma. Closing Balance stands at $9823.25 Pt. Athreiya submitted $287 income from Annual Upakarma and $513 contribution from Vedasabha.
3. A public event – the chanting of Vishnu Sahasranama has been arranged for the benefit of the public and their spiritual upliftment. It well be held on the 3rd November from 9am to 11am with lunch served afterwards. The venue is Reg Byrne Community Centre - Corner of Fyall Avenue & Darcy Road, Wentworthville NSW 2145
4. Members should attend by 08:00am for setup. Lunch will be provided courtesy of Pt. Bhatt and for this we thank him.
5. Pt. Bhatt has offered the Sri Mandir hall for future classes on on-going Professional Development of the members of the clergy as well as for public education.
6. Proposal by Pt. Athreiya for a separate and private venue for the performance of obsequial rites by orthodox families who don’t have a venue. This is a project, which needs attention in the future.
7. Pt. Athreiya also raised the issue of a Welfare Fund for the clergy – an issue from the previous meeting. The proposal was endorsed by all, and will be activated by the opening of a separate account. Pt. Athrieya suggested to explore the possibility to make it a separate Trust account to manage the Welfare Fund For the Clergy, further suggested the trusties be nominated by the ACHC Inc.. The details will be discussed by the committee members at a special meeting to involve and accommodate for other like-minded well-wishers from the community to be part of this project, This will be attended by Pts. Sivan and Sharma.
8. **ELECTIONS**. The principle office bearers who have held their position for four years have stood down in order to facilitate change of guard. Due to lack of attendees and absence of nominees or contestants it was mutually agreed to appoint the office bearers. Pt. Dave nominated Pt. Athreiya for the position of President, seconded by Pt. Bhatt. Pt. Venkatraman nominated Pt. Dave for Vice-president, and Pt. Bhattar as joint-secretary (in absence, subject to acceptance by the member concerned) – seconded by Pt. Sivan. Pts. R. Sivan and D. Sharma (Pt. Sivan has relayed, Pt. D Sharma’s acceptance at the meeting) will retain their positions as Public Relations Officer and Treasurer respectively.
9. While addressing the issue as to how to encourage and facilitate committee members to attend regular monthly meeting, members supported the suggestion By Pt. Athreiya and Dr. Meenakshi that the ACHC regular monthly meeting date be fixed at the beginning of the year for one full year and given to member, so that all the members can plan ahead. All the members discussed and agreed that ACHC Committee will be held 1st Sunday 7pm. Of every month. Secretary Pt. Venkatraman Ji was requested send out the details of the date and venue as soon as practical.