

UTSAV GBM/CCM Meeting Minutes

Date: April 11, 2010 (4.00 PM)

Attendees: Sharmila Mukherjee, Ajay Joshi, Seema Chanda, Rupa Chowdhury, Pulak Chowdhury, Hem Sarkar, and Deb Saha (over the phone)

1. Poila Boishakh Planning:
 - a. GBMs and CCMs have been updated about the new Poila Boishakh venue. The venue is Cordova Recreation & Park District, Building # 1, 2197 Chase Drive, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670.
 - b. Ajay Joshi and Hem Sarkar will take the inventory and buy plates, bowls, etc. if necessary.
 - c. Cultural program starts at 10.30 AM and food serving starts at 12.30 PM.
 - d. Sharmila Mukherjee will inquire about kitchen setup in Poila Boishakh venue.
 - e. Sharmila Mukherjee will purchase disposable serving spoons and heating lamps (with gel).
 - f. Rupa Chowdhury and Hem Sarkar will provide outer trays for food serving.
2. Pratima Purchase:
 - a. Everybody agreed that we should purchase a new set of protima this year.
 - b. Different funding options for protima purchase have been discussed.
 - c. Ajay Joshi showed several protima pictures and GBMs have agreed on one option.
3. Basic membership fee structure will be changed for this year:
 - a. Family - \$185 (before Sept. 1), \$200 on Puja Day (October 23-24)
 - b. At Poila Boishakh celebration, members will be informed about this increase in membership fees.
 - c. Other fees will also be adjusted accordingly.
4. Different options of reforming Utsav election process have been discussed. GBMs and CCMs will ask other organizations about their process.
5. CCMs will discuss among themselves to devise ways of getting more feedback from Utsav members on GBMs' activities.
6. Fundraising committee will be expanded with more members. Ajay Joshi will be the GBM representative in the fundraising committee.
7. Members will be asked during Poila Boishakh program to join fundraising committee.