



San Fernando Valley Gujarati Association

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San Fernando Valley Gujarati Association Board of Director's Meeting

Date: March 30 2008 at 2.30.p.m.
Place: Smeeta Amarish's home

Present: *Samir Gandhi, Bharti Parik, Rajesh Shah, Prem Patel, Jyoti Shah Smeeta Amarsh, Mashesh Desai*

Prepared by: Samir Gandhi
Minutes Take by: Prem Patel

1. The meeting was called to order at 2:30 PM by Prem Patel and seconded by Samir Gandhi
2. Event update
 - a. Mkarshankranti: It was the first event of the year and it was hosted by the Board of the SFVGA. It was a great success despite the poor weather we've been having recently. Kites were also sold for a nominal price and everybody had great fun flying these. Thanks to Maheshbhai a Board member for taking photos that will be posted on the web-site for all to enjoy.
 - b. Holi: It was a very successful event. It was enjoyed by all age group. Board was pleased with member's participation. Holi committee did excellent job. Many thanks to Holi committee.
 - c. Youth event – was a great event and all the youth had so much fun. The youth committee chose Laser star in Camarillo for their event. Thank you to all the young members that were involved in organizing and hosting this event. The event was finished off by a nice pizza lunch at a nearby park.
 - d. Sports Day: Our next event is going to be sports day – the flyer for this event has already been posted and planning is well under way. The Board had given this event extra monies to run a clinic hosted by a Pro, however the committee did not want to run a clinic and therefore the Board retrieved these extra funds back.
 - e. Entertainment evening is coming along very well and Vershaben Parikh has offered to put on skit about the theme of the year of the Association. Bhatiben has forward e-mail to non-members also.
 - f. Camping - a camp site is fixed and is located in Santa Paula. It is situated near a river, surrounded by orange groves and has all the amenities. The dates for this event is July 18 & 19 2008. Also the Chairperson for this committee has been changed to Hemant Desai.
 - g. Cultural Program – The Chairperson has express that so far she has very little support from her committee regarding this event. In view of this the Board has offered to help out where ever they can. CSUN where past programs have been held has become very expensive to rent and the committee is looking into other possible venues. Choreographers and participants meeting is to be held within the next few months.
 - h. Navratri- the first meeting had a very poor response from participating committee members. The committee had requested past years expenses report. They have also asked the Liaison



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to contact the temple to ask them for the dates that they have for Navratri. They will be looking at venues to host the event.

- i. Diwali- a hall in Simi Valley has been booked BY Samir Gandhi for this event at Committee's request.
 3. SAT Awards – the criteria for this award is the following- the candidate must be in twelfth grade and college bound to be eligible, also the award will be base on academic merit only regardless of gender. This is in line with college applications where they are reviewed on merit and regardless of gender. Bhartiben brought good news today regarding the SAT awards – a private donor has donated \$250.00 towards this award. The Board has asked Bhartiben to convey our gratitude for their generosity which is greatly appreciated.
 4. Storage policy: - Maheshbhai is in charge of this department and everything is in order. Separate storage policy be distributed to SFVAG members.
 5. The Board has been informed that non-member's minor children have been dropped off at SFVGA events. This is not permitted as they pose a liability threat to the Association and its members. Guests attending SFVGA events with children under the age of 18 years of age are responsible for them at all times.
 6. Last but not least SFVGA membership is up to a total 89 members.
 7. The meeting was concluded at 4.45p.m.
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