

Namaste !

It gives me immense pleasure to come back to you - the patrons of FM Mandir group- with facts and figures.

But, the sad part is that this message is received by only 165 families, many of whom are non- resident of Fort McMurray.

Where are the remaining 350 families of Fort McMurray?? How we reach them with updates on Mandir??

I request each and every person, who read this message to reply back with at least three family's email ID's. That way, we will ensure that more and more people are aware and well informed on the latest development on '*Northpole Mandir*' project.

Last week Highlights:

1. We had our bi-weekly progress review meeting on January 24th at Fr.Mercereddi School; Attendance was much better - around 40. The discussions were about Constitution, Fund raising, Land and the meeting with municipality.

2. We explained in detail, the salient features of the Constitution; The proposed membership pattern and the administrative set up were clearly explained and member's suggestions were well taken; One of the important suggestion was, voting rights should be limited to Life Members Only (whose cumulative contribution reaches \$1000/-) We are awaiting feedback from other Hindu Societies across the country.

Any member, who would like to read/review the constitution before final adoption, is welcome to do so; please send an email requesting for a copy.

3. We had a very good discussion/meeting with Municipality on January 22nd. Hon. Mayor, Melissa Blake, three Councillors, Municipality CEO and few other officials were present. The meeting was promising and it gave us lot of

information on available Land in the WB region. There are many options such as Leasing, Eagle Ridge land, Abraham's land, Waterways, Parson Creek etc. The Committee has to vigorously continue the effort and follow up with Municipality.

4. The Fund raising group is very active and the pledges totalled **\$190K**. Several meetings were held in the past one week, and different area fund raising groups were set up. We have fixed up a target of \$10K every week. A Brochure/Flyer was also developed by the group, which will be revised as required. Please pass on the brochure to your friends and relatives in other part of the country and USA, soliciting funds for this great '**Northpole Mandir**' initiative.â€¦.tell them that this will be the nearest mandir to NorthPole as like a mandir on top of Mt. Everest !

5. In order to attract and retain more people, we are planning for a 'Maha SatyaNarayan Pooja' on Feb 14th (10.00-13.00hrs) at Fr. Mercereddi Auditorium. 25 families will be able to perform Pooja alongwith Pandit at a sponsorship fee of \$101/-; But all general public are encouraged to attend the Pooja and get the blessings of Lord SatyaNarayana and have the Prasad. The Pooja is performed with Vedic rituals by a Pandit from Edmonton. The interested families may register their name by sending a reply to this email. The details will be informed in due course.

6. The next general meeting will be at Fr. Mercereddi school on 31st @ 11am, when we have to finalise the constitution and nominate the Executive Council.

The latest pledge total and the brochure are attached.

With love and warm regards,

on behalf of Mandir Taskforce,
Vish Warriar

ATTACHED IS THE MEETING MNTS OF VARIOUS FUND RAISING
MEETINGS HELD IN THE LAST TWO WEEKS.

JAY PATEL

Hello All,

Jay Shree Krishna
Hari Ohm
Jay Swaminarayan
Jay Mataji
Jay Jenendra

We had a meeting at Devesh Amin's house today and formed five teams for the fundraising of the Mandir.. The names of the team along with names of members are listed below.

Team A - Eagle Ridge

- KT Patel, Kanal Ramani, Mukund Patel, Dilip Patel, Ramesh Vora, Dhruv prasad, Sachi Uddappa, Devesh Amin, Sanjay Patel

Team B - Timberlea North

- Paresh Bhavasar, Vipul Patel, Kamlesh Shah, Kalpesh Patel, Rajiv Patadia, Chitra
- Satish Kurapati, Anil Gupta, Ketul Shah, R K Gupta, Anita Dua

Team C - Timberlea South

- Lakhwinder Bamotra, Jitendra Tomar, Siddarth Gautam, Pradeep Mehta, Jay Patel
- Satish Chugh, Abhay Naik, Chandra Nagulapadhi, Amarinder Toor

Team D - Wood Buffalo

-Sandeep Arvikar, Ajay Sharma, Manish Vaidya, Kashmir Medora, Sethi, Deepak Jhnwar
- Jay Patel (Part Time)

Team E - Thickwood

- Sanjay Sharma, Deepak Lala, Vasant Patel, Mukesh Shah,
Sanjeev Nahar, Laxmi Rai.

You will be mailed with the time of the next meeting when it is decided.

Jay Patel

SANJIV NAHAR

Meeting Feedback for meeting held on 19 Jan, 2010:

Members present: Sanjiv, Laxmikant, Kumar, Raj, Praful

Briefs of meeting: Member lists of FMHS, FMGS & Swaminarayana reviewed and downtown residents identified. Additional names added from memories. Approx. more than 50 families. Laxmikant will make/update master list for downtown residents by 22nd Jan 2010 and again propose to meet at my residence for detailing on fund / pledge collection strategies.

Next meeting scheduled: 6:00PM on Friday, 22nd Jan 2010 at my residence.

Suggestions are welcome.

Thanks & Regards,

Sanjiv Nahar

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