

President's Report 2009/2010

Dear Members and Devotees,

It is with great pleasure that I present the 2009–2010 Annual Report of the Sri Murugan Society of Alberta. This is our sixteenth year as a registered society and the committee would like to thank you all for your continued support, attendance and volunteering at various Society functions. Also, the Board of Trustees would like to thank those members who took turns hosting Ganesha at their homes for the past twelve months.

As reported in our last year report, we have been looking for a temporary home for our loving Ganesha for the past twelve months. This has not been an easy task as we are constrained by several factors including the rent, size of available rental units, parking and accessibility. I am happy to inform you that we are currently negotiating to rent warehouse in Northeast Calgary for a two year term as a temporary home for Ganesha. We will have weekly poojas and bhajans as well as additional poojas on special occasions at this location. We will update you on this initiative when we finalize and sign the contract. We hope to have your full support, both in attendance and financially, to achieve our goals.

As you all know, our main objective is to build a Murugan temple for Albertans, specifically for the devotees living in Calgary and the surrounding areas. Unfortunately, our land zoning application was rejected again by the Rocky Mountain Municipality. As a result of this, the Land Committee with the agreement from all parties concerned has decided to sell the land and return the money to the respective societies. This will take some time and our decision to rent a property for a short term was a good one.

We are continuing with our regular activities such as Bhajans, Saraswathy Pooja, Kantha Shasti and the anniversary pooja of our loving Ganesha's arrival in Calgary. We are also providing sandwiches to the Calgary Drop-In Centre once a month. We sincerely thank everyone who was a participant or a volunteer or a sponsor at these events. In addition, the Board of Trustees would like to thank all volunteers for their hard work and sleepless nights during our recent Casino fundraiser.

Finally, I would like to thank the Board of Trustees and their families for all of their encouragement and guidance during the past year. We look forward to your continued support and participation in the activities of the Society.

Thank You,



Raj Pillai

President

Sri Murugan Society of Alberta

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**MINUTES OF THE FIFTEENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF SRI MURUGAN SOCIETY**
Held on June 20, 2009 at 2225 – 24 Avenue NE Calgary at 6.30 PM

Present: Raj Pillai – President, in Chair
A. Paramanathan – Secretary
Ravi Selvarajah – Trustee
Terry Meiyeppen – Trustee
Suresh Kumar – Trustee

Absent: Kuralenthi Narayanan – Vice President
Vernie Balakumar – Treasurer

- 1) The meeting commenced at 6:35 PM with the chanting of three aums.
- 2) The President confirmed that with the attendance of 53 members (36 in attendance and 17 proxies), a quorum was present and that the meeting would proceed.
- 3) President's Address - The president welcomed the members to the 15th annual general meeting. As the President's report had been mailed to the members beforehand, it was read at the meeting. There being no questions on the report, the President's Address was accepted as presented.
- 4) Adoption of the Minutes - The secretary presented the minutes of the last annual general meeting held on June 21, 2008. On a motion proposed by Mr. R. Rajagopalan and seconded by Mr. C. Chockalingam, the minutes of the last annual general meeting were adopted as presented.
- 5) Adoption of the auditor's report - The president presented the audited financial statements for the fiscal year ended April 30, 2009. There were no questions raised. On a motion proposed by Mr. Jay Jayanthan and seconded by Mr. Panch Panchalingam, the financial statements were adopted as presented. Mr. Ravi Menon was thanked for his services in auditing the financial statements and was appointed as auditor for the next fiscal year.
- 6) Mr. Chocku Chockalingam, as Chairman of the Nomination Committee, presented his report to the members. He noted that there were four vacancies on the Board of Trustees and that the committee had received four nominations. As such, no election was required. Mr. Terry Meiyappan, Mr. A. Paramanathan, Mr. Suresh Kumar and Mr. Kuralenthi Narayanan have basically renewed their standing as Trustees.
- 7) Any other business –
Land Issue - Mr. Terry Meiyeppen and Mr. Panch Panchalingam were thanked for their effort in regards to the land committee. Terry then gave a brief update on the land matters. He was positive that we will get the Zoning by end of September. He also thanked Arul Kulas for his help. It was also mentioned that we are actively looking to rent a warehouse facility for 2 years to house Ganesh. Also, Mrs. Vathana Chandran was thanked for her work with the Casino and the Hindu classes.
- 8) There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 PM, with the chanting of 3 aums.

A. Paramanathan
Secretary 



May 10, 2010

Dear Member,

Re: Annual General Meeting

Listed below are two proposed resolutions that will be tabled at the upcoming annual general meeting of Sri Murugan Society, to be held on June 19, 2010.

Resolution # AGM 16 : 01

By passing of this resolution by majority of the members of the Sri Murugan Society of Alberta present at the 16th Annual General Meeting on June 19, 2010, Members of the Sri Murugan Society of Alberta authorize the Board of Trustees to work with India Canada Association of Calgary, Bengali Cultural Association of Calgary, Vedanta Society of Calgary and sell the land located SW ¼ of Sec.28-25-28-W4M. Currently this land is jointly owned by the above Societies and Sri Murugan Society of Alberta in partnership with the Sri Sathya Sai Foundation of Calgary. Also following the sale of the land, the Murugan Society of Alberta will pay Sri Sathya Sai Foundation of Calgary 32.53% of the net proceeds of the sale of the portion of land belonging to Sri Murugan Society of Alberta less any money owed by Sri Sathya Sai Foundation of Calgary to Sri Murugan Society of Alberta as a result of jointly owning portion of this land and expenses related to the re-zoning application of this land in the County of Rocky View.

Resolution # AGM 16 : 02

By passing of this resolution by majority of the members of the Sri Murugan Society of Alberta present at the 16th Annual General Meeting on June 19, 2010, Members of the Sri Murugan Society of Alberta authorize the Board of Trustees "to rent" or "to rent with an option to purchase" a warehouse or a building prior to the 17th Annual General Meeting within the following dollar limits for the purpose of establishing a temple to facilitate the primary objective of the Society. Once the warehouse or the building is rented expenses related to initial set up of the temple shall not exceed \$30,000 and the yearly expenses related to the operation and maintenance of the temple including the rent and the wage/salary to the priest shall not exceed \$60,000.

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In order to meet the above expenses members of the society authorize the Board to obtain the necessary approval from Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission and use the Casino Funds that the Society is allowed to use for this purpose. Members also authorize the Board to solicit donations and raise funds from other activities that the Society is allowed to carryout under it's Constitution and the Societies Act. of Alberta.

Thanking you.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees



Secretary

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