

Meeting started at around 1:30 PM after Anjali & prasad distribution. Approximately 150 people (Members & nonmembers) were present.

Ashoke Banerjee, President of the 2014 committee, Ranjan Dutta, Vice President, Indrajit Mukherjee, Treasurer and Sujay Datta, Cultural Secretary were present. Tarun Podder, Vice President and Kanhaiya Poddar Secretary from the 2014 committee were absent during the meeting. Ranjan Dutta wrote the minutes of the meeting.

Following topics were discussed in the meeting;

Ashoke Banerjee started the discussion to raise the limit for BCS programs to \$10,000. The previous amount was \$7000 and it needed approval in GB meetings whenever it was anticipated that this amount will exceed. In the ensuing discussion Subha Pakrashi, Hiran Dutt, Baisakhi Raychaudhuri, Baishali Biswal participated. Biman Ghosh brought forward a proposal to remove the upper limit and therefore the committee did not need to take the pre-approval at the general body meeting for expenses that may exceed \$7000. Debabrata Ghosh brought this motion to floor and was supported by Biman Ghosh and Sadhan Jana. The proposal was passed.

Update on the issue of replacement of the idol was presented by Sadhan Jana. He reported that after extensive search, an estimated cost for the replacement of the idol would be around \$7000-8000. However, with help from Shib Mitra, he has obtained a quote to replace the idol 'astra', which would defer the replacement of the entire idol for several years. The price of the replacement was \$250. It was unanimously decided that the replacement should be obtained and Bijon Roy will be entrusted to bring these to Cleveland from India.

Due to precedence of littering in the basement, it was proposed by Ashoke Banerjee to arrange for babysitters when the kids are downstairs. The issue was discussed in detail and finally agreed that currently BCS will not employ babysitters. The parents and the youth coordinators will take added responsibility for keeping the basement clean from food.

Due to the resignation of Kanhaiya Poddar from the existing committee, a replacement for the post of secretary was solicited from the members. Unfortunately, none of the members volunteered. Subha Pakrashi assured she will look for volunteers.

Sujay Datta explained the concept of 'Baishakhi' celebration on May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2014. This would be an expansion of the existing Rabindra Najrul celebration which would showcase bengali cultural heritage in addition to contribution from Rabindranath and Najrul.