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Satikaaryog Guru Piyari Saadh Sangat Ji

Vahe Gur Ji Ka Khalsa Vahe Guru Ji Ki Fateh

This issue will be dedicated to membership, Selection/elections.

One would notice a lot of activity on the main floor of our Gurdwara Sahib where one can see many meetings going on. The democracy process as elaborated in our SRS Constitution is in full swing. Soon five trustees from the Board of Trustees and one member of C.I.C. will be completing their respective terms. As you may have noticed, there is a lot of talk about Selection/Election process for the upcoming filling of the B.O.T. and C.I.C. vacancies, a Selection Process Development Committee came into being through the efforts of SRS Membership. This group of SRS members have worked hard in developing a very through, detailed, carefully crafted process with total transparency. This whole effort is geared towards avoiding elections and selecting our next board and CIC sevadaars. An general consensus is that since last two cycles of filling in these vacancies were achieved through selecting the BOT / CIC sevadaars, hence there is little more congenial atmosphere and much less groupism effects. There may have been mistakes made as to how the whole process came about, hence as a result this SPC. Let us all try to use this process to select the incoming trustees and CIC member in April 2018. If these attempts fail, elections will take place on April 1, 2018. The schedule and deadlines are as follows:

January 21, 2108 ----- Nominations open

February 4, 2108 ----- Last date for filing nominations by 4 P.M.

February 18, 2018 ---- Last date to withdraw nominations by 4 P.M.

March 4, 2018 ----- All members will receive the list of final Nominees

April 1, 2018 -----Elections will be conducted (if Selection Evaluation Process is unable to bring the list of Candidates to Five for B.O.T. and One for C.I.C.)

The Selection Evaluation Committee will be applying the process developed to select the candidates.

The objective is to eventually come up with five and one, if not, then elections will be conducted on Sunday, April 1, 2018. The elections will be conducted under very strict supervision of MEC.

The yearly membership is open. Please fill up your membership forms and submit with required fees. This is a great way to support Sikh Religious Society. Ironically, the number of Sangat has increased significantly but the Membership on the other hand has declined significantly. The main reason being, elections not being in the time, but if you become a member by First Sunday of April i.e., April 1, 2018, you will have the right to participate in a referendum, will be considered towards a continued three-year membership if you choose to serve in B.O.T. or C.I.C. or any of the Committees. Also, in order to vote in the elections, one has to become a member in the previous year by the first Sunday of April.

We will be celebrating Bandhi Shhorh Divas and Janam Diwas Sant Baba Jarnail Singh Ji Bhindranwale on February 12, 2018. Please tune to announcements from the stage in diwans.

First Karseva of 2018 will be held on Saturday March 24 from 8:30am till late evening. Please join for seva with family and friends.

"May Waheguru, keep you in Chardhi Kalaa"

Treasurer's Report

Status SRS Bank Accounts, December 2017

INCOME/EXPENSE DECEMBER 2017			
INCOME		EXPENSES	
TOTAL INCOME NOV. 2017	\$54,146.36	MAIN EXP.	TOTAL
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$53,272.33	ELECTRIC	\$4,643.97
		GAS	\$543.11
TOTAL DEPOSIT TCF BANK	\$42,439.25	WATER	\$349.92
		PHONE	\$239.98
TCF BANK WITHDRAWALS	\$54,114.80	GROCERY	\$284.83
CHASE BANK WITHDRAWALS	\$8,500.00	PAPER PRODUCT	\$1,687.84
TOTAL BOTH BANK WITHDRAWALS	\$62,614.80	SALARY	\$15,000.00
		MORTGAGE INTEREST	\$8,500.00
		WASTE MGMT	\$839.41
		BUILDING MAINTENANCE	\$637.18
TCF BANK BALANCES		LAWN	\$646.55
CHECKING	\$25,176.39	NEW MICROPHONE FOR STAGE	\$937.98
MMA	\$12,506.15	TYCO	\$351.73
TOTAL TCF BOTH ACCOUNT	\$37,682.54	BUILDING MAINTENANCE	\$2,043.75
		METROPOLITEN WATER	\$500.84
CHASE BANK BALANCES		MOOL NANAK SHAI CALANDER	\$7,204.49
CHASE CHECKING	\$23,640.78	IT GROUP	\$34.00
TOTAL BOTH BANK BALANCE TCF&CHASE	\$61,323.32	ORKIN	\$88.00
SAVING (NEW PROPERTY ACCOUNT)	\$6,820.00	PAPER ADVERTZ.	\$1,760.00
		ELEVATOR	\$2,643.75
BUILDING LOAN	\$784,917.00	CLEANING	\$1,000.00
		OFFICE	\$248.33
NEW PROPERTY LOAN	\$290,000.00	BANK CARD MACHINE	\$38.45
PRINCIPAL+EXTRA DOWN PAYMENT	\$22,063.93	PRINTING & MAIL	\$537.96
INTEREST PAY	\$6,555.20	AKHAND PATH BHETA	\$165.00
LOAN BALANCE	\$267,936.07	KATHA BHETA	\$1,202.00
		CHURCH GAS	\$101.24
		CHURCH ELECTRIC	\$492.22
		RODDING PIPELINE	\$550.00
		TOTAL	\$53,272.53

The detailed income report for December 2017 can be accessed from the following link or it can be obtained from SRS Office:

<http://www.srschicago.org/?mdocs-file=2222&mdocs-url=false>

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