DFWMM Mid Year GBM 2022-2023 Minutes of Meeting

Date: December 3, 2022

Venue: Collin College Frisco Campus, Conference Center, Building C 9700 Wade Blvd, Frisco, TX 75035

Start Time: 2:30 PM

End Time: 4:50 PM

Attendance:

Agenda

- Introduction
- Mandal Mid-Year Overview
- Programs and Initiative
- Financial Summary
- Community/Shala Update
- BOT Announcements
- Vote of Thanks

Satish welcomed everyone and mentioned that since we have less than 50 participants hence the session is being adjourned for 15 mins.

The session resumed again at 3:21 pm CST

Mandal Mid-Year Overview

- Satish provided a high-level overview of the agenda and thanked everyone for their valuable contribution to make Mandal programs successful. He mentioned Mandal is doing volunteer Melawa to appreciate everyone's hard work and contributions.

- Then Santosh Deshmukh played a video providing a 2022 Mid-Year review.

Programs and Initiative

- Shahu and Shree came on stage to talk about Mandal Website. Provided an update about the work completed in the last 6 months and also gave an overview of the roadmap for upcoming months. Requirement sessions were conducted with the help of Vishal, Sachin, and Jeevan. They completed the analysis of the existing website and provided recommendations on how technology can be used to improve Mandal's website. The focus will remain on improving the user interface. Satish said that volunteers reached out to the Committee to help with the website work and we will definitely leverage their help in the future.
- Shilpa Patil 3:35 pm: Provided highlights of the Manswini program. More than 150 members were reached. Response from community members is very positive and encouraging. She highlighted how we are helping the people who have recently migrated to the DFW area. Satish mentioned that the Manaswini team is actively coordinating multiple programs, including the Yoga session, Health Wellness session, and Manswani program.
- Youth Outreach and Volunteering 3:38 pm (Aryan Dharangaonkar): Provided overview of all the programs conducted so far.
- Health and Wellness Initiative 3:40 pm: Satish invited Dr. Surendra to provide an overview. Initiatives accomplished include a Blood donation drive, choosing health insurance, and other initiatives. The upcoming session in Spring and January will be about Metabolics syndrome, orthopedic conditions, etc
- 3:42 pm:- Satish provided an overview of the College buddy initiative. From January onwards we will be working with 9th and 10th graders to help them. Also provided an overview of Scholarship and Donation details.
- 3:44 pm: Satish provided an overview of the Youth Internship and Job Support Initiative. Provided details about upcoming resume & Linkedin profile writing workshop. He confirmed that the communication about these events has already gone out.

Financial Summary

- 3:45 pm Satish invited Shrirang and Rajashree to provide a financial overview.
- Harish asked a question about the continuation of the Sahayog initiative. Satish mentioned 2020-2021 website initiative pages were unpublished. He explained how it will help non-Marathi people to understand how Mandal is helping the community. (local community)

  Action = Design one page for all initiatives which include the intent of the Sahayog initiative. Web team will work towards it to develop a new page.
- Padma Tai asked another question about the Website modification. She asked how the community can provide feedback about the website. Shahu answered that the Committee will think about opening a web form to take feedback from the community. Satish mentioned that the Committee is trying to improve the ticket purchase process. Shahu mentioned email communication improvements being worked upon.

  Action =Web team will work towards creating a new feedback page and publish on the website. Ticket Purchase process will be improvised on the new website.
- Atul Chaudhari asked about what they can do for the Youth Initiative Program ? Satish mentioned our intent is to help Youth from our Mandal members. Harish appreciated the work done by the Youth Initiative program and appreciated the engagement level.
- 3:48 pm Shrirang provided an overview of membership categories. Total 846 memberships. Mission 1000 is to connect 1000 families by the end of the year. 4 Marque programs delivered so far. The first time Mandal organized a 2 day dandiya event. Annual sponsorship of $27,750. Thanked everyone from the committee members for their support to bring the sponsorships. New category Individual Donors generated $7000 revenue for Mandal. Event sponsorship of $500 and Amazon smile donations of $189.20.
- Atul Chaudhari suggested that we should highlight in Mandal communication to use Amazon smile for charity as the Holiday season will peak amazon buying activities.

  Action : Keep Amazon QR code/link in all further communication (Email and Whats app)
- 3:54 pm Rajashree provided an overview of the Sponsors. The presentation slide included sponsors from all levels.

- 3:55 pm Shrirang provided a high-level Finance Summary. This included an overview of Revenue and Expenses. The next slide included a detailed financial overview of Dahi Handi, Ganeshotsav, Dandiya, Diwali Pahat, and Movie Sunny. The next slides included a P&L detailed overview of Dahi Handi, Ganeshotsav, Dandiya, and Diwali.
- Atul asked why the Marathi movie Sunny did not generate revenue? It was stated that this will be answered by Shrirang while providing a financial overview.
- Atul asked about the profit and loss situation. Overall Mandal has a cash surplus. Another question was asked about the projected revenue & expenses plan for upcoming events. Shrirang answered that Mandal is working hard to balance the expenses and operate within the given budget.
- Mr. Agashe thanked the committee for the great financial performance so far. Shrirang explained how Mandal prepared for good and bad scenarios and tried hard to find larger venues so that we can accommodate all the members. Shrirang confirmed future projections are ready for the rest of the year. Satish agreed we will prepare a high-level plan for the remaining upcoming programs. Mandal will do their best to break even for the free programs by working hard to get sponsorships. Satish mentioned Natyachand might have a minor loss. Padma Tai mentioned its not about profit or loss but Mandal should work hard to provide the best experience to its members. Rashmi Sathe appreciated how Mandal did a great job in sponsorships and memberships.
- Ajit Jagtap appreciated the financial overview and requested to keep the focus on providing high-quality programs instead of financial profit. He requested we should share the financial summary after each program. Satish agreed Mandal will try to share as many as financial documents.

  Action = Shrirang to upload all event P &L on website
- Salil asked why we are seeking to reach 1000 members?. Satish shared that we might have 4000+ families in the DFW area. The committee's goal is to share the services with as many as we can. Shrirang shared his story of how he got involved in Mandal activities and how it helped him develop a sense of community. He also mentioned that having bigger community involvement will not only help us but it will also help the next generation

as kids get involved. Harish mentioned it's okay to have "matbhed(differences in opinion)" as long as we don't have "manbhed(divided minds/unity)".

- Rashmi Sathe asked why Felicitation expenses are not included in the financial summary. Satish said that the Committee is aware of it and it was purposefully not included to avoid confusion with the programs managed by the previous committee. The new committee took over after the felicitation program. It will be included in the overall financial year summary.
- Salil mentioned that 1000+ membership might create challenges to organize events. How is the Committee planning for this? Satish said we have scalability in operations and we are planning our venues and activities to ensure everybody gets accommodated. Padma Tai said that we need to ensure Quality is not getting suffered as we try to increase the Quantity.
- Dr. Surendra suggested that by default charity setting is OFF in the Amazon Smile app. We need to ensure the charity setting is enabled in Amazon Smile settings.
- Shree Gangal thanked and appreciated how this committee is trying to be financially transparent. This will set the right precedence for the upcoming committees and this will help us gain the trust from the community members.

Community/Shala Update

- 4:20 pm Satish provided an overview of Plano Marathi Shala. Total 189 students, 45 teachers & coordinators, 18 classes. He shared his personal experience of how kids are picking up our Marathi language. Also provided an overview of Maiboli Shala update. Also congratulated Vaishnavi & teachers for getting awards. Total 16 teachers and 13 classes.
- Mr. Ajit Jagtap said we need to find a neutral facility for Marathi Shala. This will help to continue the Marathi shala efforts in the long term. Satish mentioned we will continue virtual learning based on parents feedback. Rashmi Sathe requested EC to provide ongoing support to Shala and help them as much as we can with the resources they need.

BOT Announcements

- 4:25 pm Mr. Agashe spoke about budget oversight. He said the committee has done an excellent job and worked on multiple scenarios to prepare for best & worst-case scenarios. He shared the importance of updating the registered agent. Currently, it's Pulkeshi.
- Interest rates are attractive and we can invest the DFWMM money to earn the interest income. This income can be used for Mandal programs. We will invest the money in a recognized credit union to avoid the risk.
- Per the new condition, a tax return has been filed this year. This activity exposed an action item that needs to be completed in December to comply with the IRS.
- Documents will be prepared by Feb 2023 to provide guidelines to Marathi Shala. Another task is to get input from the community on how we can better use the DFWMM funds. We want to maintain a non-political view of Mandal but we can certainly use members like Amit Warkad to connect with Cities around the DFW neighborhood.
  Action = BOT and Shala Coordinators to review the document with EC by Feb 2023
- Atul asked what the driver is to invest the Mandal funds. Mr. Agashe said there is no driver at this moment. We will review all the suggestions and then review them with GBM and Committee members.
- Ajit asked whether EC is being asked by BOT to invest the money. Ajit said we need to know exactly how much money is being invested before it is invested. He mentioned it needs to be approved in GBM and Atul agreed with this feedback. Sujit Sathe said this topic has been discussed multiple times in the past and we don't have an answer that works for everyone. This can be proposed in a special GBM session and decided in a future session. Mr. Dilip Rane said that he agrees that it's a good idea funds can be invested but the amount needs to be clearly communicated and approved by GBM. It's important to follow the process and keep transparency while making financial decisions. This will set precedence for future committees when they make financial decisions. Rashmi Sathe clarified BOT only made a recommendation and no decision has been made yet. It's only a recommendation to EC to consider the opportunities for safe investments.

- Salil asked a question to BOT. What is BOT doing to plan long-term goals? Mr. Agashe confirmed BOT is thinking long-term for Mandal Members and Senior Citizens. for example a program like Uttarang. Mr. Agashe said they will continue to work in this direction and come back with a proposal and ask for suggestions. Based on the question asked by Atul, Mr Agashe confirmed we are working with the local City governing bodies.
  Action = BOT / Mr. Agashe to provide Proposal of Uttarang to EC and Committee for review and suggestions.
- Ajit suggested we should be joining forces with National bodies to take advantage of a few programs. Satish answered and provided an example of a cricket tournament announced during the Diwali program. A suggestion was made to share the BMM Vrutta in Mandal communication. Satish said no one from the current EC is getting these BMM Vrutta. Links can be included in Mandal communication.
- 4:45 pm Padma Tai spoke about the social outreach committee. She proposed to make a constructive program out of the current Youth Outreach Committee for the non-Indian community. She provided examples from the past about helping Haiti relief and troops. At least one program in a year can be done to help the non-Indian community to show we belong to a larger society. Satish agreed this is a great idea and will be considered by the EC.

Satish thanked Mr. Santosh Deshmukh for coordinating the GBM session. Thanked the rest of the EC members for their help and continued support. Thanked committee members and volunteers for their continuous support. Meeting adjourned at 4:49 pm CST

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  - The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 PM CT.

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