

# HMEC 2017 – Program Committee Meeting – June 14, 2017

**Attendees:** Arun Jain, Chandra Reddy, Anil Bajpai, Hansa Dave, Kumar Dave, Madhu Sharma, Preya Dave, Ravi Joshi, Vijay Reddy, Sanjay Mehta

**9:00 PM – 10:00 PM**

Prayer by Kumar Dave

## Program Draft Review

- Walk through of the revised draft and additions from last week's meeting by Arun J.

## Brainstorm on Theme and Topics

### Friday

#### Inaugural

- Friday night is setting the stage
- Speak to the challenges
- Ex. Temple of the Future, Fulfilling Our Hopes and Needs
- No more than 15 mins – 1 hour of talk
- Try to cut the 2 hours
- Optional video
- We need youth, spiritual and non-spiritual leaders for this session

### Saturday

#### Plenary

- Temple of the Future, Fulfilling Our Hopes and Needs
  - o Spiritualism
- Youth Engagement
- Hindu Activism
- HMEC Update
- 3 speakers per session for 15 mins with 15 mins Q/A at the end
- Will we be able to cover all the topics we have brainstormed?
- Let's determined based on topics and importance
- 1<sup>st</sup> session needs to be energizing
- Focus on quality

#### Parallel

- Workshop? How it would be run to be effective?

- Icebreakers
- Challenging more controversial topics
- Some interaction from the audience with speaker to keep folks awake
- Temple by laws are not specific on qualifying a Hindu. Ex. Dallas temple - Muslim became members of temples – how do you resolve?
- Temple premises being used for rentals – Ex. meat, alcohol bring brought in
- Hindu Way – can we create 1 or 2 signature pamphlets common to all temples – fundamentals of our Vedic understanding – core values of Sanatan Dharma irrespective of sects
- Bal Vihar and Teacher’s curriculum – workshop how to connect and train teachers
- From workshop, we get volunteers committee to be dedicated and deliver before next HMEC

## Sunday

### Plenary

Prayer by Hansa Dave

Next Meeting June 21, 2017