

HOTA – Program Committee Meeting Minutes – March 20 2018

Attendees: Kumar Dave, Kaushik Joshi, Shama Mehta, Chandra Reddy, Swami Parmeshanand, Sri Mukthanand, Ami Patel, Hansa Dave, Nainan Desai, Sohini Sircar, Prasad Yalamanchi, Anita Gupta, Abhaya Asthana

9:30 PM – 10:30 PM EST

Started with Prayer by Sri Parmeshanandji

Session 1

This session was the main focus last week so we will leave this session for next time.

Session 2

Anita Gupta will followup with Vijay Reddyji for an update for next week.

Session 3

Tapan Ghosh from

- No one can deny the work done by him and his dedication
- During India meeting, his name was brought up quite a bit, but most were of the belief that it would create other problems
- Based on other considerations, they don't want to highlight
- Tapanji is ok with that and he does not want to add more fuel to the fire
- He did come to WHC 2014 but didn't speak

Saumitra Ghokle suggested another person from Bangladesh who works with Tapan Ghosh and Saumitraji will approach him. We need to identify the right person from Bangladesh/West Bengal to speak.

Rajiv Malhotra was suggested but he is speaking at the Education forum.

Shri Sradhanand Sheetal is the founder of GHRD and they started the effort 2 decades ago. His topic will be "Defending Hindu Human Rights"

Professor Ved Prakash Nanda (Romania) is a law professor and has done extensive work with Romania. His topic will be "Influencing Government Policies"

Session 5

Family: Incubator for Hindu Dharma (absorb values by osmosis, environment, ambience vs purposeful inclusion)

- Anyone who runs a gurukul would be a great example
- Rishi Advait and Maa Advait ran a school outside Chennai
- External school model and internal model combination (principles of Hindu Dharma and how to apply to their life and the world)
- It would be good to learn from their model
- Family environment is created

International residential school by Chinmaya Mission near Coimbatore

Swami Prakashanand runs a school similar to this in Trinidad

BAPS

What are the hybrid models?

Swami Swaroopanandji is in plenary and Swami Mitrananadji is in Education track.

What experiments have been done around the world?

Gayatri Pariwar movement revolves around this concept

Swadhaya movement is around this concept

Family values before gurukul

Ended with Prayer by Swami Mukthanandji