

Minutes of BAGH GBM Meeting

Zoom Meeting Sunday 27th June' 2021 at 4.30 PM EST

Participants:

Tapas Bandyopadhyay, Nilanjana Maulik, Gautam Maulik, Debanjan Mitra, Vivek Mukherjee, Arindam Guha, Sanjay Banerjee, Arindam Chakraborty, Debapriyo Banerjee, Kallol Roy

AGENDA

1. Opening Remarks (State of the Union)

President welcomed all the participants and gave an overview of BAGH activities during the Pandemic. BAGH will continue to closely monitor Covid situation and accordingly plan the events for the rest of the year.

- ***ALL BAGH events will be as per state mandated guidelines. Vaccination required, Mask is recommended***
- BAGH has been always involved in raising funds during critical times. This year, BAGH did a fund raising for India during the pandemic, like last year they did for Food. We will continue to do the same.
- Saraswati Puja was a very successful virtual event. We received good feedback.

2. Financial Statement

- Treasurer shared the financial statement with all the participants.
- Overall, we are doing Ok despite the fact that there was no funding available through Durga Puja (No Puja in 2020).
- BAGH will explore options of any reduction in fixed cost; Storage or Website cost reduction
- **BAGH also requested participants for *corporate sponsorships* to enable additional events and charity activities**

3. Upcoming events

- BAGH will be organizing **Picnic on 18th July, Sunday @11AM. Venue: Churchill Park, MIDDLE Pavilion, Newington, CT**
 - i. Event details will be sent soon for RSVP; Facebook & BAGH website pages have been updated with the information
 - ii. There will be a flat fee of 25 USD per family for the event (parking will be free)
 - iii. Tentative menu items: Moori Makha, Barbeque (Chicken Wings, Burgers, Hot dogs), Biryani, Naan, Veg Item, Watermelon, Water & Drinks (Coke, etc.)
 - iv. Some volunteers for games are welcome; **KIDS should be encouraged to lead**

Emphasis will be given to identify more sponsors this year (2021) that will help building a strong financial foundation for BAGH

Holiday Party: Holiday party may be planned during Christmas / New Year holidays depending upon the Pandemic. More to come on this topic

NABC Promotion: BAGH is planning to promote NABC through Facebook & BAGH website. No Funding support.

Saraswati Pujo (2022): Saraswati pujo will be organized during Feb-Mar 2022 timeframe

4. Durga Pujo 2021 (Main Event)

- a. All members agreed to have Durga Pujo this year. Format can change depending upon the Pandemic situation
 - Event will be open for all but there will be a cut off number based on First come first served
 - Date has been finalized for Durga Pujo. It will be celebrated on Saturday, **16th October 2021 (subject to availability of venue)**
- b. Durga Pujo event will be for only one day this year 15th October will be kept for the setup
 - 16th October will be the actual event & focus will be on Pujo
 - Further discussions will happen regarding Cultural Event; At this point, Cultural Event is a TBD and optional.
 - Box Lunch is one option instead of Buffet (planning in progress)
 - Additional discussion during Picnic on 18th July.
- c. Paypal will be used to collect donations/fees for Durga Pujo & event details will be sent soon to everyone
 - Event details will be sent soon for sign-up / RSVP on a first come first basis
 - Cut-off for sign-off will be 1st October 2021
 - Everyone paying through Paypal will have to put comments regarding their Covid vaccination status
 - Children above 12 & Adults will be allowed to participate in Durga Pujo only if they are fully vaccinated
- d. Venue for Durga Pujo will be decided soon as committee is still evaluating all the rules and regulations for an indoor gathering given Covid restrictions are in place

5. Vote of Thanks

The Vice President gave a vote of thanks to all the participants for their continued support.