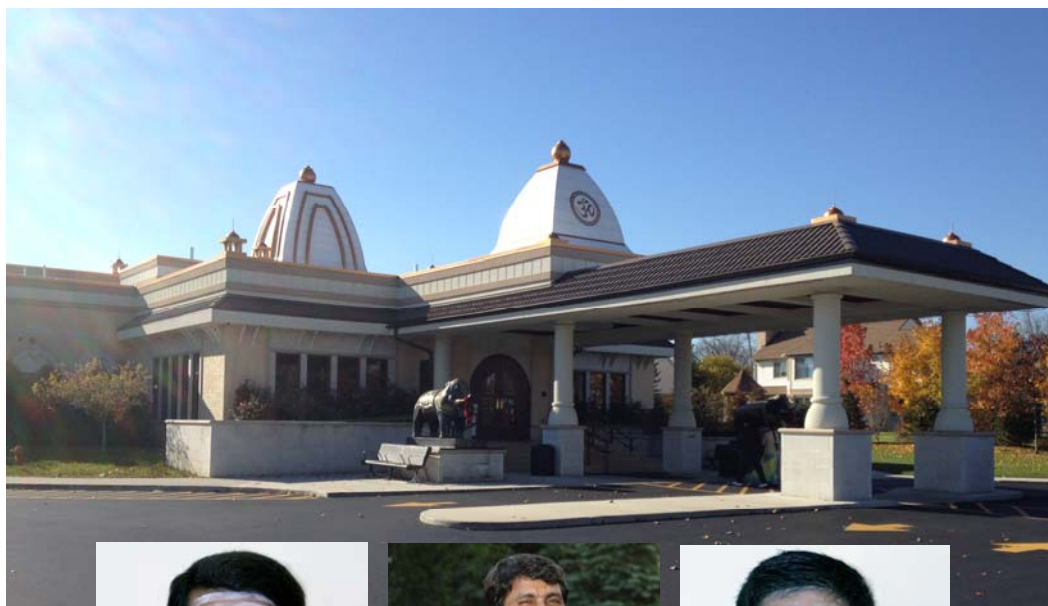




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THE HINDU TEMPLE

November 2017



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Please Donate Generously

Visit your temple, your priest or temple web site www.thehindutemple.org.

Support your temple and donate generously. The amount is insignificant, the intent is what counts in the court of Gods.

Temple Timings

- ◆ Monday to Friday—
8AM-12PM & 5PM-9PM
- ◆ Saturday & Sunday—
9AM-9PM

Temple Address

44955 Cherry Hill Road
Canton, MI 48188
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2017 Board Members

Chairman—Manoj Sachdeva

Vice Chairman—Avinash Rachmale

President—Manoj Sachdeva

Vice President—Jatin Desai

Treasurer—Anil Sakhuja

Asst. Treasurer—Vishnu Panjwani

Secretary—Kalpesh Unadkat

Asst. Secretary—Arun Suri

Administrator—Keshav Raizada

Trustee—Anurag Bajaj

Trustee—Ashwani Narula

Trustee—Daxesh Modi

Trustee—Jignesh Patel

Trustee—Nitin Desai

Trustee—Raj Vaishnav

Trustee—Dr. Sarju Shah

Advisor—Dr. Anil Kumar

Advisor—Deep Prakash



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2017 Chairman's Message



Hari Om.

This year, I am honored to be Chairman and President of this great temple. These positions carry a lot of responsibility towards temple, its members and devotees. I hope to continue to live up to everyone's expectations and temple's mission statement. We will overcome hurdles no matter what they are and whichever shape they are.

Hindu Temple of Canton Mission Statement: **"Promote Peace through worship, Healthy Living through Yoga/ Pranayam and Happiness through teachings of Hindu Religious Scriptures"**

Sri Sri Ravi Shankar Ji said, "When you wake up and realize that there is nothing to prove and nothing to possess, ego dissolves. Feel that you are blessed, that is the only thing that you can do, all complaints disappear, all grumblings disappear, feeling of unloved disappear, wanting love disappears. Do not blame others as it takes their negative karmas away. To get rid of jealousy, realize what you have that they do not have. Body belongs to the world and soul belongs to divine. Divine is your only security. Have faith in divine and give divine a chance to act"

"Success lies in Good People, Surrounded by Good People, Surrounded by Good People". Our temple has been able to thrive because I am surrounded by solid team of good people. Our temple is one of a kind place of peace and healthy living. Our smiling Priests and their great attitude have done wonders for our temple.

All temple events are being celebrated in grand style, with great attendance and joyous mood. Divinity and optimism is being felt all over our temple.

A lot is happening at our temple for benefit of temple, its members/devotees, senior citizens and youth.

Some of the highlights are as follows:

- ◆ Increased participation in the sponsorship of Sunday Prasad
- ◆ Library is open and at your service.
- ◆ Our temple has become "THE PLACE" for senior activities
- ◆ A lot more in the works for seniors. Details will follow in

the coming months

- ◆ Ever increasing usage of temple banquet hall by temple devotees/members
- ◆ Hari Om Center caters to needs of devotees for religious souvenirs and Puja material as well as promote volunteerism
- ◆ Balvihar being attended every Sunday
- ◆ Participation in classes of Bal Gokulum, Speech, Marathi, Hindi, Math, Tamil/Telgu.
- ◆ Health Fair conducted successfully
- ◆ Flu shots administered, all costs sponsored by generosity of others.
- ◆ Hindu temple App is being downloaded from Appstore and Google Android and being used by devotees for better communication
- ◆ Active participation of youths in temple affairs
- ◆ Increased member participation in community events

Due to numerous activities. Annual Dinner has been postponed to first quarter of 2018. Looking forward to welcoming everyone. Please be sure to attend with family, friends and relatives. All members/devotees, please request a one of one meeting with any of temple officers and or Board of Trustees for any good ideas that you may have that you would like to share.

I would like to thank current and past Board Members, Temple Management and Volunteers for their team effort and active participation in temple affairs .

We are all here to serve in our **HOUSE OF GOD**.

For any comments and suggestions for the betterment of our temple, its members/devotees, anyone can contact me at his or her convenience via my cell phone 734-260-4483 or email: msachdeva@ewie.com.

Jai Ram Ji Ki
Jai Sri Krishna
God Bless us All!!!
Manoj Sachdeva, Chairman & President
The Hindu Temple of Canton



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2017 Religious Chair's Update



Dear Devotees,

Namaste and Hari Om to All

As Head Priest and Religious Committee Chairperson of this great temple for this year, I am grateful to Temple Board of Trustees, Temple Management and all of you for your trust and support and giving me an opportunity to serve as temple Head Priest and Religious Chair for 2017. All temple events & celebrations were conducted and celebrated in grand religious traditions. But we couldn't have done it WITHOUT YOU. We appreciate your gift of time, energy, donations and encouraging support.

This year we had Ganesh Havan, Mrutyunjaya Havan, Saraswati Havan for Kids, Gayatri Havan, Balaji Anniversary, Annakut, Mata Ki Chowki and Tulsi Devi Vivah. All our regular festivals, Shivaratri, Holi, Ramanavami, Srinath ji Patotsav, Krishna Janmashtami, Ganesh Chaturthi, Navaratri and Deepavali were celebrated in grand traditional way. Large number of devotees attended. It was a very enjoyable, devotion filled, energetic and lively year for all of us.

To attain positive energy and thinking, we highly recommend all of you to please come and join us Sunday to Saturday during our weekly religious activities like Shiva Pooja on Monday,

Hanumman ji Bhajan on Tuesday, Sai Bhajan on Thursday, Durga Pooja On Friday, Balaji Pooja on Saturday and Sunday Satsang. Also, we request everyone to please go to temple website and register your email so that all these special events can be informed to you timely in advance.

From next year onwards, we will try to do even better events. We will plan to involve more youth members in events. As Lord Krishna said in Geeta we are all one family (Vasu Daiva Kutubkam). Let us all work together **"Sab Ka Saath Mandir Ka Vikas"** to make our temple, one of the best.

Once again, we three priests myself, Kiran Ji and Mukhiya Ji would like to take this opportunity to say heartfelt thanks to all of devotees and look forward to more seva to Bhagavan in 2018.

God bless all of you with Good Health, Wealth, Peace and all kinds of Happiness.

Thank you

Prasad Bhat (Pandit Ji)

Religious Chair and Head Priest



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2016 AGM Meeting Chairman's Message

Dear Temple Board Members, Members, Priests and Devotees,

Hari Om

Welcome to **"The Great Hindu Temple of Canton"** a place of worship, a community center, a place of healing and happiness.

I want to thank the Board of Directors of The Hindu Temple of Canton and all of you for giving me opportunity to serve you as the temple chairman for the year 2016.

And now, at first, I would like to thank the retiring board members of 2016 and would like to welcome the new board members as a part of our team starting Jan 1, 2017. The retiring board members of 3 Year term are: Mr. Avinash Rachmale, Mr. Manoj Sachdeva, Mr. Ashwani Narula and Mr Anurag Bajaj as well as retiring board members of 1 Year term are: Mr. Vishnu Panjwani, Mr. Daxesh Modi and Mr. Jignesh Patel. As per Article IV Section 1 of the Amended and Restated By-laws adopted on December 19, 2014: , After completing his or her term, a trustee is eligible to be nominated and reelected for another term in office. The incoming board members selected by 2017 Nomination Committee for next 3 years are: Mr. Avinash Rachmale, Mr Anurag Bajaj, Mr Manoj Sachdeva and Mr. Daxesh Modi and the following 3 are selected for one(1) year term: Mr. Vishnu Panjwani, Mr. Arun Suri and Mr. Jignesh Patel. A resolution will be proposed later today to approve selection of these above mentioned names of board of trustees.

Hindu Temple of Canton Mission Statement: **"Promote Peace through worship, Healthy Living through Yoga/ Pranayam and Happiness through teachings of Hindu Religious Scriptures"** So much can be achieved with **Love and Peace**

My Moto in life is to firmly believe in that **"Success lies in Good People, Surrounded by Good People, Surrounded by Good People"**. At our temple, that is exactly what I have been able to do with a solid team of good people sitting besides me. Our temple has become a talk of the town all over. Everyone coming to temple has nothing to say except to appreciate temple building's architecture, its smiling priests and their soft demeanor.

Please join me in giving them all a well deserved round of applause

All temple events are being celebrated in grand style, with great attendance and joyous mood. Divinity and optimism is being felt all over our temple.

A lot is happening at our temple for benefit of temple, its members/devotees, senior citizens and youth.

Some of the highlights are as follows:

- ◆ India Day celebrations were a sight to remember
- ◆ Increased participation in the sponsorship of Sunday Prasad
- ◆ A new prayer book is in the final stages of preparation with great selection and addition of new Bhajan's. Hope to conclude this project very soon.
- ◆ Newly designed plaques of deity sponsors as well as plaques of all areas sponsored are on display. Other plaques are being worked on
- ◆ Library is open and at your service.
- ◆ Ever increasing usage of temple banquet hall by temple devotees/members
- ◆ Hari Om Center caters to needs of devotees for religious souvenirs and Puja material as well as promote volunteerism
- ◆ Balvihar being attended every Sunday
- ◆ Participation in classes of Bal Gokulum, Speech, Marathi, Hindi, Math, Tamil/Telgu.
- ◆ Health Fair conducted successfully
- ◆ Flu shots administered, all costs sponsored by a generous devotee.
- ◆ A new temple App is in the works
- ◆ Active participation of youths in temple affairs with tremendous enthusiasm
- ◆ Increased member participation in community events
- ◆ Fresh touch of paint applied by an Artist to marbalized pillars as well as gold paint highlights. All costs sponsored by a generous devotee
- ◆ Painting project complete. All costs sponsored by a generous devotee
- ◆ Project related to replacement of temple lights to LED complete. All costs sponsored by a generous devotee
- ◆ Affiliation with **International Geeta Gurukul Foundation** to promote peace, education and healthy living.



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2016 Chairman's Message

2016 Chairman's Message continued....

As part of today's Chairman report, It is my duty as Chairman to make you aware of temple's financial status.

1. Original loan amount was \$5,450,000
2. Our current temple mortgage loan balance stands at \$2,320,000. At this time last year temple mortgage loan balance was \$2,995,000
3. During the last 12 months, we have paid down temple mortgage by \$675,000
4. In addition, temple has member loans of \$835,000.
5. We have approx. a little over \$350,000 in temple's bank accounts at Comerica and TCF

We have much to achieve to make our temple debt free such as:

1. Interest Free Loans targeted to payoff temple mortgage
2. Sponsorship of Deities as well as all rooms and built areas. You can spread your pledge up to 10 years, making it very easy to pay monthly
3. We have compiled all forms into one simple booklet. This booklet is also available at the Priest Welcome Center and Hari Om Center. All forms can also be downloaded from temple website

I am very pleased to announce that during Annual Fundraising Dinner on November 19, 2016, we raised approx **\$ 867,587** in donations/pledges and interest free loans. Final number still being reconciled. Breakdown is as follows:

- ⇒ **Total Cash, Checks and Credit Cards \$ 139,736**
- ⇒ **Pledges 2016 for up to ten years \$ 488,851**
- ⇒ **Annual Dinner Booklet Ad Sales \$ 28,500(Approx). Final still being finalized**
- ⇒ **Annual Dinner Ticket Sales \$ 10,500(Approx). Final still being finalized**

And now, we are proud to announce that under direction of our Board Member and owner of People Plus Software and Megasy's India. Ashwani Narula, Hindu Temple Mobile App has been launched and is already part of App Store of Apple as well as Google Android. This App is available for all of you to download and start using it. There is no charge. This App is designed to get you all of information on your figure tips about your account ,capability of being able to donate online, schedule priest puja's at your house as well as temple hall rental and several other features. For all of the above to happen, we must have your current email address and other pertinent information. Please note that some of the functionalities are still under development. Your patience and understanding is requested. Please join me in give a big round of applause to Ashwani Ji for his dedication and support to our temple

A reminder from 2015. Please note that a **milestone resolution** was passed by Temple Board of Trustees to deposit all identifiable funds received by temple in any form what so ever(including charges for use of temple banquet hall, amounts received for items acquired in Hari Om Center and Priestly services at home or at temple, to temple member accounts as donations received by temple.

Our goal is **service, service and service** for the entire community. Our objective is to constantly find ways to involve youths in all aspects at our temple. We want our children to feel proud of their heritage

In the end, I would like to make a request that all of you bring your friends, family members, guests and relatives to the temple, your own place of worship. I also encourage all devotees to make use of all the facilities available at the temple including the havan area, banquet hall and classrooms to support the temple. I also request that you all stay connected with the temple by not only providing financial help but also volunteering your time to assist in other activities.

On behalf of the temple, its board of directors, committee chairpersons, co-chairs, priests and other support staff, I would like to thank all of you for your continued support and encouragement. I also want to thank all the volunteers for their dedication. A special thanks to Seniors Group for their help in collecting donations for temple and encouraging other seniors to join temple Seniors Group

And now, I would also like to bring to your attention that year end is approaching fast. Only a few days left. Please make your donations before December 31, 2016 to take advantage of tax deductions for year 2016.

May I also suggest that all members/devotees, please request a one of one meeting with any of temple officers and or Board of Trustees for any good ideas that you may have that you would like to share.

I would like to thank current and past Board Members, Temple Management and Volunteers for their team effort and active participation in temple affairs.

We are all here to serve in **HOUSE OF GOD**.

For any comments and suggestions for betterment of our temple, its members/devotees, anyone can contact me at their convenience via my cell phone 734-260-4483 or email at msachdeva@ewie.com

God Bless Our Temple!!!! God Bless us All!!!

Jai Ram Ji Ki, Jai Sri Krishna
Manoj Sachdeva, Chairman (The Hindu Temple of Canton)



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2016 AGM Meeting Minutes

Date: December 18, 2016 10:00 AM

Location: Temple Prayer Hall

Welcome by Chairman

Manoj ji welcomed everybody with the following message:

Hari Om! On behalf of all Board Members including myself, I would like to welcome you all to today's Annual General Body meeting. For the records, this meeting is presided by myself Manoj Sachdeva, Chairman, Avinash Rachmale, Vice-Chairman, Dhaval Vaishnav, President and Religious Chair, Anil Sakhuja, VP, Vishnu Panjwani as Treasurer(Absentee), Jignesh Patel as Asst. Treasurer(Absentee), Kalpesh Unadkat as Temple Secretary and Nitin Desai as Assistant Secretary. Kalpesh Ji will be taking minutes of this meeting

Agenda Items and approvals

1. Approval of December 20, 2015 Annual General Body Meeting Minutes

Voting members are defined as follows:

- ⇒ Members who have cumulative donation of \$ 1000 and over and are current on payment of their \$ 100 per year membership dues
- ⇒ Life members because they are exempt from paying membership dues due to being a life member
- ⇒ Let us know if you want to check whether you are a voting member or not.

There were no questions. Motion was put on the floor to approve December 20, 2015 AGM Minutes by Manoj Sachdeva

- Motion seconded by Manohar Jagasia
- Chairman asked All in favor to raise their hands, everyone did.
- Motion carries. 2015 AGM minutes as presented are approved by General Body

2. Chairman's Report by Manoj Sachdeva

Please see chairman's reports as an attachment

3. Religious update by Dhaval Vaishnav, Religious Chair

The following are the key points from Dhaval ji's religious update

- Like every year, Temple has celebrated many religious events
- Religious collection for first nine months is approximately \$166,000 - up from \$118,000 last year (does not include Navratri and Mata Ki

Chowki collection)

- Priests are going to lead all religious events with the help of lead coordinator. Temple Chairman and President will approve budget for each event. L
- Temple needs to involve more and more people for different events and collection.

4. Approval of names of 4 (3 Year Board Members) nominated by 2017 Nomination Committee. Four names are: Mr. Avinash Rachmale, Mr. Anurag Bajaj, Mr. Manoj Sachdeva and Mr. Daxesh Modi

- Motion was put on the floor by Manoj ji to approve selection of Mr. Avinash Rachmale, Mr. Anurag Bajaj, Mr. Manoj Sachdeva and Mr. Daxesh Modi as Board of Trustees for next 3 years starting Jan 1, 2017
- Motion was seconded by Usha Desai
- Manoj ji asked All in favor, to raise their hands, everybody did
- Motion carries

5. Approval of names of 3(1 Year Board Members) nominated by 2017 Nomination Committee. Three names are: Mr. Vishnu Panjwani, Mr. Arun Suri and Mr. Jignesh Patel

- Motion was put on the floor by Manoj ji to approve selection of Mr. Vishnu Panjwani, Mr. Arun Suri and Mr. Jignesh Patel as Board of Trustees for next 1 year starting Jan 1, 2017
- Motion approved unanimously
- Motion carries

6. 2016 Financial Report and 2017 Budget presentation (Anil Sakhuja, Audit and Finance Committee Chair assisted by Manoj Sachdeva)

- Manoj ji asked if there were any questions regarding budget for Anil ji and Manoj ji. No questions regarding budget were raised during the meeting



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2016 AGM Meeting Minutes

7. Approval of 2017 Budget by Voting Members of General Body

- Motion was on the floor to approve the 2017 Budget as presented by Manoj ji
- Motion was seconded by Usha Desai and Trupti Modi
- Manoj ji asked All in favor, to raise their hands, everybody did
- Motion carries. 2017 Budget as presented is approved by Voting Members of General Body

8. Any other Question and Answer Session

Manoj ji clarified questions answer session with the following:
This session is chaired by me. We will run this session in a very

orderly way. If any of voting members have a question about what we presented today or would like to know anything else about our Temple, you are welcome to do so. Please raise your hand :

- One of the Board Members/Volunteers will bring the microphone to you.
- State your name for the record and then your question
- Question will be directed to me. Either I will try to answer your question or depending upon nature of the question, I may ask one of my fellow board members to respond. None of my fellow board members will try to answer questions unless otherwise directed by me

No questions were raised.

2016 Annual General Body Meeting concluded at 10:45 AM

Our Priests

Shri Prasad Muliya Ishwara (Pandit Ji)

- With the Temple since March 2003
- Well trained in Vedic philosophy from Maharshi Veda Vigjana Vidya Peeth, Theerthahalli, Karnataka
- Started his Vedic education at early age of 12
- Has been honored with prestigious titles like "Veda Murthi" and "Samhita Paathi"
- English, Kannada, Hindi, Tamil, Telugu and Tulu, Working Knowledge : Malayalam, Gujarati and Sanskrit

Cell Phone: (734) 383 -1872

Email: _mytemplepriest@gmail.com



Shri Jitendrakumar Ranchhodbhai Sevak (Mukhiya Ji)

- With the Temple since July 2011
- Underwent several years of formal education in the Hindu scriptures of Vedas and Upanishades, and in Sanskrit literature, prior to completing his Bachelor of Arts degree program in Sanskrit literature at Shri Bhagwat Vidyapith
- Served as a full-time Priest in Shri Vallabh Nidhi Trust Temple, a reputed Hindu temple in Mumbai
- Sings Melodious Bhajans
- English, Hindi, Gujarati and Sanskrit

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Shri Kiran Subramanya (Kiran Ji)

- With the Temple since October 2005
- Well trained in vedic philosophy from family guru Shri Kumara Subramanya from Amai Samprathishthana in Karnataka
- Started his vedic education at early age of 13
- English, Hindi, Kannada, Tamil, Tulu, Working Knowledge : Telugu, Gujarati, Sanskrit

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2016 Statement of Activities/2017 Budget Page 1

	<u>ACTUALS - 9/30/16</u>	<u>FULL YEAR PRO- JECTED</u>	<u>BUDGET/ PRO- JECTED</u>
	<u>2016</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>
<u>REVENUES</u>			
<u>Operational Revenue</u>			
Member Contributions/Donations	\$ 339,651	\$ 452,868	\$ 498,200
Priest services	73,326	97,768	107,500
Facility Usage	44,879	59,839	71,800
Interest Income	119	428	3,500
BalVihar	-	22,500	22,500
Total operational Revenues	457,975	633,403	703,500
<u>Fund Raising and Pledges Received</u>	87,884	250,000	347,600
Total Revenues	\$ 545,859	\$ 883,403	\$ 1,051,100
<u>EXPENSES</u>			
<u>Pujari's Expenses</u>			
Salaries	\$ 129,800	\$ 173,067	\$ 190,400
Health Insurance	39,409	47,290	52,000
Payroll Taxes	9,930	13,240	\$ 14,600
Total Pujari's Expenses	179,139	233,597	257,000
<u>Facility Expenses</u>			
Miscellaneous	405	540	600
Insurance	7,239	7,239	7,963
Repairs & Maintenance	16,225	21,633	23,800
Festival/Event Expense	64,424	85,899	94,500
Security Expense	1,399	1,865	2,500
Telephone	1,608	2,144	2,400
Temple Classes-In House	2,291	3,055	3,400
Utilities - Water/Gas/Electric	34,944	46,592	51,300
Total Facility Expenses	128,535	168,967	186,463
<u>Other Operational Expenses</u>			
Operating Supplies	60,068	80,091	88,100
Total Other Operational Expenses	60,068	80,091	88,100
<u>Administrative Expenses</u>			
Professional Fee	7,000	7,000	7,700
Bank and Credit Card Collection Charges	3,285	4,380	4,800
Printing	4,970	10,000	11,000
Office Supplies/Printing, Etc.	4,266	5,688	6,300
Licenses and Permits	820	1,093	1,200
Payroll Processing Fee	2,744	3,659	4,000
Total Administrative Expenses	23,085	31,820	35,000
Regular Operating Expenses	\$ 390,827	\$ 514,474	\$ 566,563



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2016 Statement of Activities/2017 Budget Page 2

Interest and Other Debt Expenses

Interest	61,875	81,375	71,375
Total Interest and Other Debt Expenses	61,875	81,375	71,375
Total Expenses	\$ 452,702	\$ 595,849	\$ 637,938

Cash Surplus For The Year	93,157	287,553	413,162
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Member's Loan

<u>Received/(Paid)</u>	300,000	300,000	200,000
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Debt Obligations

Bond Repayments - Principal	-	-	-
Bond Repayments - Additional Principal	(550,000)	(675,000)	(320,000)
Total Debt Obligations	\$ (250,000)	\$ (375,000)	\$ (120,000)

Net Cash Surplus For The Year	\$ (156,843)	\$ (87,447)	\$ 293,162
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TOTAL CASH OUTLAY - Operating Expenses + Debt Obligations

\$ 702,702	\$ 970,849	\$ 757,938
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BALANCE SHEET SUMMARY

Cash in Bank

Cash in Bank - Unrestricted Funds	\$ 189,564	\$ 477,117	\$ 770,280
Cash in Bank - Restricted Funds	250,000	250,000	250,000
Total Cash Balance	\$ 439,564	\$ 727,117	\$ 1,020,280

Pledges Receivables

\$ 1,089,325	\$ 1,389,325	\$ 1,105,131
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Notes Payable

Bonds Outstanding	2,445,000	2,320,000	2,000,000
Member Loans (Interest Free)	835,000	835,000	1,035,000
Total Notes Payable	\$ 3,280,000	\$ 3,155,000	\$ 3,035,000

NOTE >

During our Fund Raising in November 2016, Temple received a Commitment of Interest Free Loans for \$ 200,000

Based on Cash Flow, BOT may vote to pay additional principal of \$ 300,000 or more in 2017 over and above the planned repayment.