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NCNC & PBMNC Collaboration Update: A First Step Towards Our Mission

We are thrilled to share the remarkable strides we've made in our quest to establish the Pashupatinath Mandir, Buddha Stupa, a Community Center. Here are the key milestones we've reached.

1. Bylaws Adoption: In August 2024, PBMNC officially adopted & signed its bylaws, laying a solid foundation for the organization's governance & direction.

2. Interim Office Manager: To facilitate our ongoing work, PBMNC appointed Sujan Neupane as an Interim Office Manager. Sujan will support all initiatives until an interim board is formed. For details on how interested members can join the board, please visit: www.pbmnc.org/membership

3. Website Launch: PBMNC launched its official website www.pbmnc.org with substantial help from NCNC. We look forward to technical experts to enhance its features & user experience.

4. Social Media Presence: We've launched a Facebook page, where we post weekly podcasts & video casts. Our community is growing on social media! Join us at PBMNC Facebook Page.

5. CRM (Customer Relationship Management) & Fundraising Platform: After evaluating various nonprofit CRM platforms, PBMNC decided to implement Zeffy for fundraising, membership, & donor management.

6. Community Engagement: A few community members had questions about our mission & collaboration. We successfully engaged with such members through open dialogue & addressed their concerns.

7. Collaboration with religious organizations: Building alliances has been our priority. PBMNC connected with local religious organizations & received invaluable feedback on how to move the organization forward.

8. Membership Drive: PBMNC membership drive kicked off on October 6, 2024. We are thrilled to receive several new membership forms just a few days after the membership launch!

9. Member Appreciation: To be distributed as a token of gratitude for new members, we ordered 2,000 pieces of "Memorabilia" from Nepal. These items have been received, custom-cleared, & are ready for distribution.

10. Charity Registrations: PBMNC registered with Benevity, Network for Good, & GuideStar, earning Candid Platinum Transparency for 2024.

11. Land Search & Offer: After evaluating several potential sites, we identified a prime location & made an offer for 30-40 acres, priced between $1.5 & $2 million. We're partnering with Mr. Daxay Malkan of Esteem Properties to finalize this land deal by the end of 2024. Exciting times ahead, indeed!

12. International Collaboration: We are establishing connections with esteemed organizations such as the Nepal Embassy in Washington, DC, Pashupati Bikash Kosh, Esa Foundation, Vishwo Hindu Parisad, UNESCO Heritage, & the Buddhist Federation. This collaboration will enrich our temple blueprint & artifacts.

13. Collaboration Group: To foster communication & creativity, we've created a Viber group where members can discuss ideas related to our mission.

A Heartfelt Call for Support

Your financial support is crucial to our efforts. However, we want to emphasize that we don't wish to put pressure on any community members to give beyond their means. Contributions of Tan, Man, & Dhan (time, effort, & resources) should be heartfelt & voluntary.

We deeply appreciate any support you can offer, regardless of the amount. We encourage everyone to consider becoming a member, but please know that your goodwill & support are just as valuable as financial contributions. We kindly ask that no one feels compelled to give due to social or emotional pressures, & we strive to cultivate a supportive atmosphere for everyone involved.

Together, let's continue to build this vibrant community & achieve our shared vision!