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The following persons attended the 4th BASFL AGM on 2/20/2010:

1. Asok Ganguly
2. Dipankar Banerjee
3. Indranil Ghosh
4. Kaushik Bagchi
5. Kaushik Dutta
6. Mita Bagchi
7. Moushumi Banerjee
8. Neptune Srimal (left early)
9. Sarmistha Roy
10. Shantanu Samanta
11. Subir Bhattacharya
12. Subrata Majumder
13. Sudipta Basu
14. Sulagna Mukherjee Basu
15. Suniti Bhattacharya

Outgoing President Moushumi Banerjee praised the current Executive Committee and BASFL members highly and wished them success. Moushumi Banerjee highlighted the main actions taken and milestone achieved in the year 2008-2009 by the outgoing Executive Committee.

Some such milestones are as follows:

- a. Organizing the BASFL activities in a structured and efficient way
- b. Getting new Durga and Saraswati Protima.
- c. Excellent job in fund raising in the year 2009-2010
- d. BASFL Cultural Secretary, **Mita Bagchi**, did an excellent job in arranging the cultural shows in the various BASFL events



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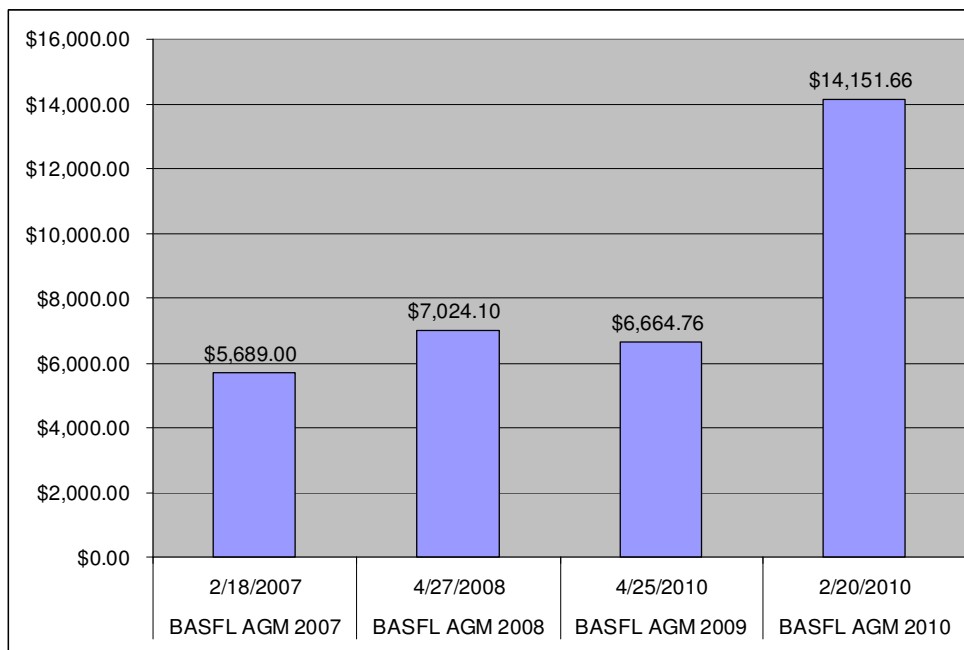
Kaushik Dutta presented the Financial Statement.

BASFL Financial Report as of 2/19/2010 (Summary)

Total Bank Account	2/19/2010	\$14,151.66
Total Projected Amount	2/19/2010	\$14,054.82
Total Paypal Amount	2/19/2010	\$24.15
Total 2009-2010 Receipt	2/20/2010	\$20,831.46
Total 2009-2010 Expenses	2/20/2010	\$13,449.04

5 copies of detailed BASFL Financial Statement were circulated in the meeting for reference.

Indranil Ghosh mentioned that BASFL's current financial condition tells how structured and efficient BASFL has become in these three years.



Indranil Ghosh requested to all the BASFL Executive Committee Members, BASFL Members, and BASFL well wishers to continue their support of BASFL and get involved with the BASFL activities.

The new BASFL Executive Committee has been formed:

President: Indranil Ghosh

Vice President: Moushumi Banerjee

General Secretary: Kaushik Dutta



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Treasurer: Sourav Dasgupta

Cultural Secretary: Mita Bagchi

Executive Members: Asok Ganguly, Debasish Roy, Kaushik Bagchi, Partha Ghosh, Sarmistha Roy, Shantanu Samanta, Subir Bhattacharya, Subrata Majumder, Sudipta Basu, Sulagna Mukherjee Basu

Suniti Bhattacharya suggested that Sulagna Mukherjee Basu should act as an assistant Cultural Secretary, helping Mita Bagchi in the cultural side. We have to refer to the BASFL Bylaws for this position.

Board of Directors as per Sunshine Laws: Moushumi Banerjee, Mita Bagchi, Ashok Ganguly, Arup Dutta, and Sujit Hazra (unchanged)

Registered Agent as per the Sunshine Laws: Mita Bagchi (unchanged)

Bank Account Signatory: Mita Bagchi, Moushumi Banerjee, Sujit Hazra, and Ashok Ganguly (unchanged)

Dipankar Banerjee suggested that BASFL should pay respect to the people who initiated organizing the Bengali Events in South Florida, who are here in South Florida for very long time and have contributed heavily towards establishing a Bengali Association and still contribute regularly and get un-noticed. Everyone supported the idea. Kaushik Dutta requested Asok Ganguly and Dipankar Banerjee to come up with a good name of this advisory council and the roles and responsibility of such a council. In the next meeting we will finalize this and publish this list. This will be posted at the BASFL website and will be communicated to the individual who belong to this list. The following are the suggested names:

1. Arijit Sengupta and Lina Sengupta
2. Ashok Raichoudhury and Swati Raichowdhury
3. Asok Ganguly and Durga Ganguly
4. Dilip Sarkar and Shampa Sarkar
5. Gautam Sen and Sanjukta Sen
6. Kunal Banerjee and Rini Banerjee
7. Neptune Srimal and Sangita Srinmal
8. Oney Seal
9. Pinaki Bagchi and Karuna Bagchi
10. Ramkrishna Raichoudhury and Swapna Raichoudhury
11. Sambit Bhattacharya



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12. Sanjeeb Chatterjee

13. Subrata Basu

Current President Indranil Ghosh thanked the BASFL members for the continuous support and helping to make the BASFL grow. He thanked them for active participation on behalf of all the BASFL Executive Committee Members, all the sponsors and all the persons who attended the BASFL events and helped BASFL to come this far.

Indranil Ghosh suggested changing the fiscal year of BASFL to 1st January to 31st December. This needed a change to the BASFL Bylaws. Everybody who was present in the BASFL 4th AGM voted for this change and the change was been accepted. According to this change, the current Executive Committee will act up to Dec 31st, 2010. AGM will be planned in mid / late December 2010 and the new committee will be effective from January 1st 2011. The BASFL ByLaws will be changed accordingly.

Holi / Picnic 2010: Indranil Ghosh has booked the John U Lloyd Beach State Park (6503 North Ocean Drive, Dania, FL 33004-3044, Phone: 954-923-2833) Loggerhead Shelter for Saturday, 3/20/2010 for BASFL Holi / Picnic. The format of the Holi / Picnic will be same as last year's event. Indranil Ghosh has requested Moushumi Banerjee to plan and organize the food for this event. Indranil Ghosh will create the flyer and will distribute to the BASFL Executive Committee for approval. Once approved, it will be distributed to the BASFL email list and will be posted on the BASFL webpage.

Durga Pujo: With the current momentum, Indranil Ghosh believes that BASFL should organize a two day event to celebrate Durga Pujo. Moushumi Banerjee and Mita Bagchi supported this idea. Moushumi Banerjee has repeatedly said that we need more volunteers and detailed planning to make this happen. Indranil Ghosh said that, BASFL should try for a 2 day Durga Pujo in 2010, if it appears that we will not be able to manage it, we will stick to the one day format. Indranil Ghosh also mentioned that getting an artist from India is a key component for a two day event.

Artists from India for BASFL Durga Pujo 2010: Indranil Ghosh has also suggested that BASFL should try and arrange a performance of a guest artist / band from India. This will help BASFL to promote the Durga Pujo as a big cultural event and will appeal to all the Bengalis and Indians in South Florida. Indranil Ghosh has mentioned that he is trying to get quotes and dates from "Kaya" (Bangla Folk Band) and Ujjaini (Sa Re Ga Ma Pa Ek Main Aur Ek Tu winner). The cost of bringing "Kaya" on October 16th, 2010 is \$4500. Indranil Ghosh said that he is talking to



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Sa Re Ga Ma to see if BASFL can arrange for Ujjaini in less money. Indranil Ghosh will work closely with Mita Bagchi in an effort to arrange such a cultural event in Durga Pujo 2010.

Screening Bengali Movie: Indranil Ghosh said that Oney Seal, owner of Databazaar Media Ventures has offered to help BASFL's fund raising by screening recent Bangla movies, like, Ekti Tara-r Khoje", "Japanese Wife", "Iti Mrinalini", "Cross Connection", "Antaheen", etc. Oney Seal will help BASFL screen these movies in South Florida without any cost to BASFL. The basis of the proposal is Databazaar Media Ventures will sponsor the cost of showing the movie (including public viewing rights, movie hall). BASFL will use its resources for publicizing the event. The funds raised from such events will be shared between BASFL and the producer. This is a very similar arrangement that we had in terms of showing "Piyalir Password". This will help BASFL to raise fund and this will help to raise the awareness of current Bengali culture in the local Bengali community. Moushumi Banerjee asked Indranil Ghosh to request Oney Seal to send this proposal to BASFL in an email. Indranil Ghosh said, he will invite Oney Seal to the BASFL meeting to present this proposal. Mita Bagchi said that if there is no legal implication to BASFL and there is no cost to BASFL, BASFL should definitely accept this opportunity for raising funds.

Bangla Bawrsho Bawron 1417: Mita Bagchi said that BASFL has got an invitation from United Bangladeshi United Inc. to participate in the "**Bangla Bawrsho Bawron 1417**" on April 24th and 25th, 2010. They have allocated 1 hour for BASFL performance, which will represent Bangla Culture. Mita Bagchi has planned to stage 3 performances from BASFL, a kid's Baul Performance, a performance from a group of friends of Sudipto Basu, and the "Aamraa Bangali Jaati", which was performed by Indranil Ghosh, Shantanu Samanta, Subrata Majumder, Sujit Hazra, and Subhrojyoti Mukherjee in BASFL Durga Pujo 2007. Mita Bagchi has also said that United Bangladeshi Inc. has offered BASFL to open a food stall for \$600. After a short discussion, it was decided that BASFL will not be able to give a food stall.

Indranil Ghosh distributed the certificates for the Saraswati Pujo Cultural and Sit-n-Draw to the parents of the participants who were present in the meeting. The rest of the certificates are with Indranil Ghosh and it will be distributed in the next opportunity.

Indranil Ghosh also distributed "Thank You" packages, consisting of a Thank You Note and a Collage of the past BASFL Executive Committee Members, to all the past Executive Committee members who were present. The "Thank You" packages for the past Executive Committee Members, who were not present in the Meeting, are with Indranil Ghosh and will be distributed in the next opportunity.



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Kaushik Dutta collected 2010 membership from the attending BASFL Members. Here is the list of the current BASFL Members:

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2. Dipankar Banerjee / Mousumi Banerjee
3. Indranil Ghosh
4. Kaushik Dutta
5. Neptune Srimal
6. Santanu Samanta
7. Sharmistha Roy
8. Subir Bhattacharya
9. Sudipto Basu

Indranil Ghosh has mentioned that the membership of the BASFL is valid for the current fiscal of BASFL. The current BASFL Membership is valid till December 31st, 2010. People who have paid the BASFL membership before Saraswati Pujo 2010 (1/23/2010), their membership expired on 2/20/2010. As there was an extended BASFL Membership offered on Saraswati Pujo (1/23/2010) people who have become BASFL member on and after Saraswati Pujo 2010 (1/23/2010), will be member till December 31st, 2010. Dipankar Banerjee supported this statement.

Singara, Ghugni, and cookies were served as snacks. Thanks to Mousumi Banerjee and Mita Bagchi.

The 1st Executive Committee Meeting will be held on March 13th, 2010 at 3:00 PM at the same venue.