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The September meeting was called to order at 10 :00 AM on September 17, at HTSM Shed, thanks to HTSM Board. Vice president Dr K.R Rao conducted the meeting in place of Eckhard Stuart, (President on Sabbatical).

Zoom meeting is normally facilitated to only outstation members and those unable to attend the monthly meeting. However, due to scant attendance Zoom meeting was not conducted.

Members in attendance were - Jayant Mahajan, KR Rao, K. Indira Rao. Karl Shoeck, Ugandhar Adari, Mahesh Arjun Adadi and Shashidhar Surakanti. Due to scant it was decided to postpone Jayant's presentation and Karl's auction set up.

The acting president Dr. Rao started an open round table discussion about venue of the meeting and to explore the possibilities of increasing the membership.

Members were concerned about the venue for JPS meeting. Currently the community hall of HTSM is used as a temporary place for daily temple rituals while the main temple is being renovated and upgraded which is a routine chore for every 12 years. The current work is estimated to be complete by spring 2023. It is difficult to have JPS meetings outdoor. The Flowood library is the place mentioned by everyone and KR said he will meet the people in charge and request a bigger hall. Ugandhar suggested the craft center as an alternate location. Karl moved a motion to find Flowood library and everyone seconded the motion. KR mentioned that once we accept the library location we will not and cannot change the day of the meeting. Karl mentioned that we will need WI FI, video connection and a place to set up auction in the library.

Once a robust group of members in JPS ten years ago has faded away in years due to majority of the members aged, became immobile or moved out of town. The revived JPS currently has about 23 members on roster and up to a maximum of ten members on attendance. KR suggested to *Publicize* the JPS by putting an ad in newspaper and going to middle schools in the local community – Northwest Rankin, Pearl, and Brandon.

Accordingly, Dr(s) KR and Indira Rao contacted Ms. Susan Bolian, City of Flowood, David Muse, Manager Flynt Library for permission to hold future JPS at their premises. They were kind

enough to accord permission and enter in their schedule book for JPS to hold monthly meetings on third Saturday between 10:00 and 12:00 noon. The large meeting room with a screen for projection is available. Dr. Rao decided to use his projector since it is cumbersome to use the library projector. Wi-Fi is available and can be accessed on any PC by selecting the wifi option. Copies of correspondence with Ms Susan Bolian and Mr. David Muse are available on the JPS Web Site. Ms. Rachel Hood, Library Circulation Manager at front desk can also be reached as a Contact Person at 601 919 1911.

Karl informed that he contacted the gulf coast club to have the presentation of Ugandhar and Lokanath families to make their presentations they gave in July and August. Karl said he can arrange for January or February of 2023, and he showed the flyers for the meetings which are posted as attachments on the JPS Website.

Dr. Rao suggested a few members take up the responsibility as "Portfolio Managers". A JPS Letter Head reflecting the "Changing Times" to attract new members is posted on the JPS Web site.

JPS website has been considerably enlarged to have the following links: (a) Current Members, (b) JPS Forms, (c) JPS Newsletter and (d) Monthly Presentations. In addition to the (e) JPS Mission Statement, (f) Program Events Calendar, (g) Venue Details, (h) Map and (i) Contact Persons (Office Bearers) are also listed at the JPS web site, <https://jacksonphilatelicociety.org>.

Thanks to Colonel Eckhard Stuart, Dr. KR Rao, Dr. Indira Rao and Web Master Vijay Vedala whose efforts are appreciated. All JPS members are invited to provide comments and inputs to make this JPS "dynamic" to reflect the aspirations of JPS as noted in the "Mission Statement" of the "Founders of JPS".

**Next Meeting** will be **on Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM** at "Flynt Memorial Library, 10 Winners Circle, Flowood, MS 39032". Presentation will be by Ms. Harini Vedala. **For further details Look at the Calendar of Events at JPS Website , <https://jacksonphilatelicociety.org>.**