

Annual General Body Meeting (AGBM)

December 20, 2025



- Adhere to the agenda
- Please silence mobile devices
- Avoid side conversations
- Questions will be asked during the Q&A session
- The secretary team will moderate the meeting
- Discussions will be tabled if they extend beyond the allocated time

Agenda

I

Opening Remarks | 2:00 – 2:10 (10 Minutes)

II

EC Teams – Year in Review | 2:10 – 3:15 (65 Minutes)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Program planning and Execution | <input type="checkbox"/> Webmasters |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sponsorships | <input type="checkbox"/> Hitguj Team |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Facilities/Logistics | <input type="checkbox"/> Social Media Team |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Children's Team | <input type="checkbox"/> Decoration Team |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Food Team | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Coordinator |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agrantee Team | <input type="checkbox"/> Financial Team |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sports Team | |

III

Board of Trustees | 3:15 – 3:20 (5 Minutes)

IV

Motions | 3:20 – 4:00 (40 Minutes)

V

Q & A – EC 2026 Introduction | 4:00 – 4:30 (30 Minutes)

VI

Tea/Snacks – Close Out | 4:30 – 5:15 (45 Minutes)

Executive Committee (EC) Teams Year in Review



- Our WHY
- Acknowledging the Community
- Values - Integrity, Quality (Darja), Intent, Inclusivity, social causes, and gratitude
- Scalability - Membership, Participation, and Programing in overwhelming numbers
- Program Highlights
 - Sankrant - 1100+ attendees, new singers
 - Holi - 900+ attendees, 200+ participants
 - Ganapati - 1450+ attendees, 19ft tall Mandir, 200+ participants
 - Diwali - 1150+ attendees, Professional Drama
- Acknowledging the agranee community - Gold Membership
- Roadmap for the Golden Jubilee Program - Program sketched, Golden Jubilee Committee, \$50K allocated, roadmap work completed.
- Financial Stewardship

Highlights

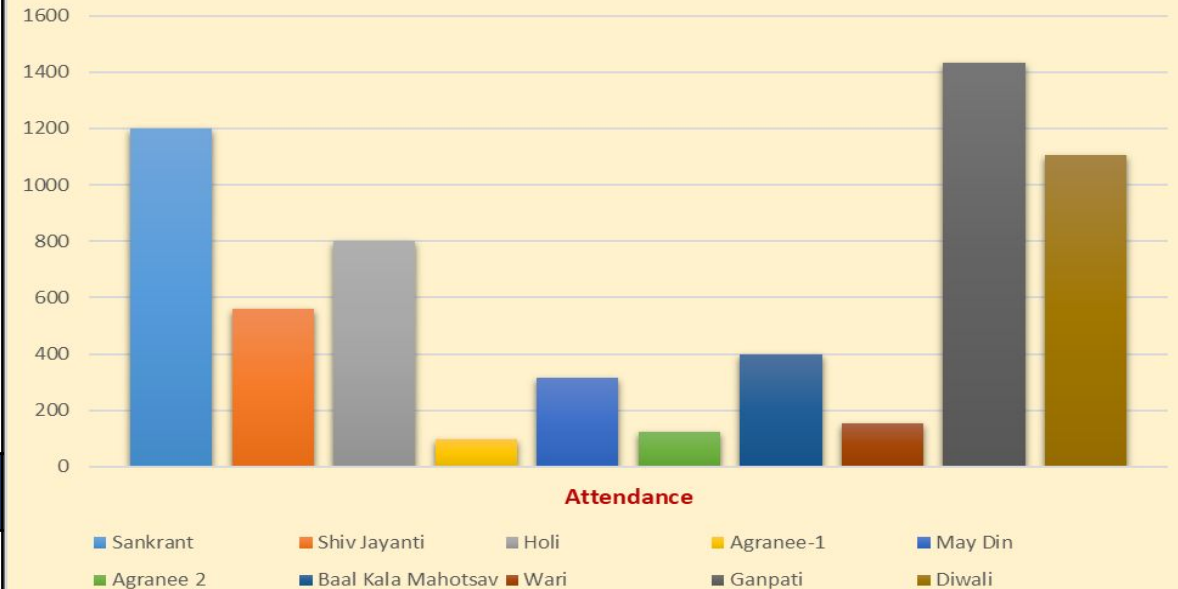
- ❑ Successful execution – 11 events in 2025
- ❑ Record attendance for each program over the year
- ❑ Structured and Detailed event planning
- ❑ Timely execution of all events
- ❑ Clear and consistent communication within EC and with the community.
- ❑ Effective communication during events – WA groups, Zoom Calls, Weekly touch base
- ❑ Strong collaboration across teams.

Learnings

- ❑ Need active communication and tracking of action items
- ❑ Have a contingency plan
- ❑ Extensive monitoring of activities during the events
- ❑ Better planning and execution for wrap-up after programs

Year in Numbers

MKM 2025 Event Attendance



Memories

- ❑ Saw many new faces throughout the year as new families joined our MKM community.
- ❑ Great experience working with an energetic and hardworking group of people.
- ❑ Positive feedback from community after each event.

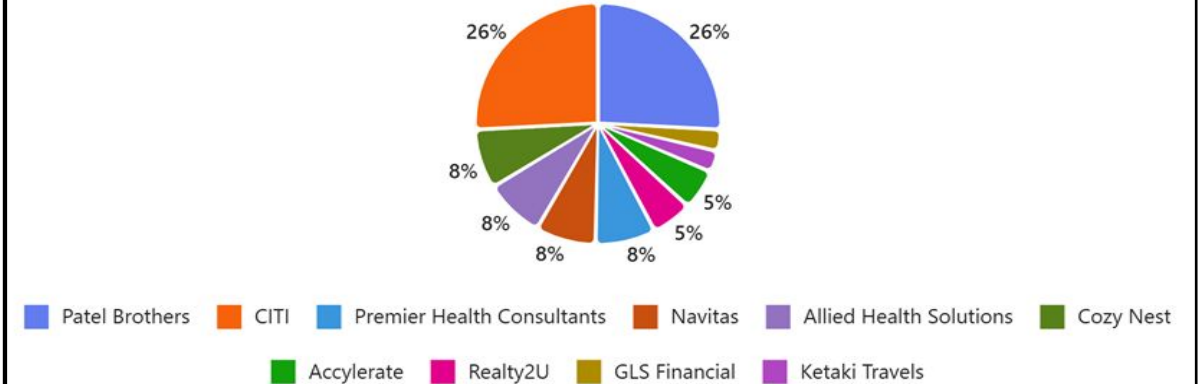
Highlights

- ❑ The MKM Sponsorship team secured \$38,000 in sponsorships for FY 2025, highlighting their strong partnership-building and effective outreach strategies.
- ❑ These funds will support key initiatives and elevate upcoming events, reinforcing MKM's commitment to exceptional experiences.
- ❑ Two business networking events were coordinated by the sponsorship team providing more avenues for business data and lessons sharing.

Learnings

- ❑ Ensure that all sponsor package commitments are fully delivered. For example, if event tickets are included in a package, confirm that seats are properly reserved in the auditorium.
- ❑ Communication with sponsors ahead of events needs focused effort.

Year in Numbers



Memories

- ❑ The MKM team exhibited outstanding collaboration, with all members actively engaged in supporting and executing every event—this was demonstrated especially during the grand Ganpati celebration.



Highlights

- ❑ **Logistical Hub:**
 - Established one central location for all Lezim practices.
 - Brought bornhan to a designated central location to celebrate our culture.
 - Every kid was given a chance to shine at Holi dance. We held a dry run rehearsal for our fashion show starlets which was appreciated by all parents and kids
- ❑ **Streamlined Operations:** Centralized events and communication using email, Google Forms, and WhatsApp groups.
- ❑ **Fair Selection:** Ensured community choice through transparent online competition voting.
- ❑ **Maximized Inclusion:** Fostered strong community engagement with vibrant, multi-age activities.

Learnings

- ❑ **Performance Quality Risk:** Inconsistent practice attendance among participants.
- ❑ **Logistical Delays:** Difficulty in ensuring performers lineup on time backstage.
- ❑ **Childcare Strain:** Need for more help and better planning for last-minute childcare requests. Strengthen parent partnerships

Year in Numbers

Festival	Key Activities	Total Participation Count
Sankranti	Bornahan, Halvyache Dagine competition, Kite competition	Bornahan - 17 Participants Halvyache Dagine, Kite Competition - 10
Holi	Fashion Show, Dance Performances	Fashion Show - 17 Dance Performers- 227
Bala Kala Mahotsav	10 different one act plays, in partnership with Nirmitee (Shirsh Bendre)	Participants - 110 Attendees - 390+ attendees
Ganapati	Lezim Performances	199 Participants
Diwali	Childcare during Natak	34 kids signed up
Grand Total	Across all events	Total - 504 participants

Highlights		Year in Numbers	
Festival	Venue	<div><div><input type="checkbox"/></div><div>Venues booking on the specific date, time slots and accommodating larger capacity for numerous events. Ganpati and Diwali events with highest attendance greater than 1500 members.</div></div> <div><div><input type="checkbox"/></div><div>MKM requirement is growing.</div></div> <div><div><input type="checkbox"/></div><div>We could not consider venues with less than 750 auditorium capacity.</div></div> <div><div><input type="checkbox"/></div><div>Cafeterias had to also be large enough to accommodate a capacity of at least 400.</div></div>	
होळी (Holi)	Herndon HS		
शिव जयंती (Shivjayanti)	Riverside MS		
बाल नाट्य महोत्सव (Bal Natya Mahotsav)	John Champe HS		
महाराष्ट्र दिन (Maharashtra din)	Justice HS		
अग्रणी काययक्रम (Agranee)	Burning Tree ES		
क्रीडा स्पर्धा (Sports)	Multiple venues		
गणपती (Ganapati)	Freedom HS		
वारी सांगता (Vari sangata)	Community Center		
दीपस्तंभ (Deepstambh)	Community Center		
दिवाळी (Diwali)	Herndon HS		
AGBM	Navy Elementary		
Learnings		Memories	
<div><div><input type="checkbox"/></div><div>FCPS gyms are no longer available for non athletic activities.</div></div> <div><div><input type="checkbox"/></div><div>Honoring the capacity regulation of the school.</div></div> <div><div><input type="checkbox"/></div><div>School’s rental charges have gone up.</div></div> <div><div><input type="checkbox"/></div><div>Our RSVP and attendance is growing.</div></div>		<div><div><input type="checkbox"/></div><div>Booth provision for vendors was much appreciated</div></div>	

Highlights

- ❑ Great coordination and transparency among food team members
- ❑ Inventory management was handled very efficiently
- ❑ Multiple food vendors for each event
- ❑ Implemented a multi-vendor approach for food service for all events to guarantee quality and variety
- ❑ Managed food service effectively by staggering mealtimes and labeling items with serving instructions
- ❑ In 2025, we tried to align the menu with the theme of the event.

Learnings

- ❑ Assign designated EC members for crowd management for both outside the cafeteria and at the entrance of the cafeteria
- ❑ Ensure sufficient volunteers are available for all phases, including food setup, serving, and cleanup

Year in Numbers

Festival	Total Served
Sankranti	1200+
Shiv Jayanti	550+
Holi	800+
Agranee-Maitree Melawa	95+
May Din	300+
Wari	125+
Sports	350+
Ganapati	1425+
Agranee-Sangeet Melawa	125+
Diwali	950+



Highlights	Year in Numbers
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engagement of number of seniors in programming this year as we reviewed history of MKM Gold Membership as a value addition for seniors Created engaging programs - natyavachan, jeopardy game, musical program, Gappagoshti, etc. Preferred seating and arrangements for senior members at all programs, accommodations in dietary and food arrangements 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 220+ program attendees between 2 agranee programs Record number of agranee membership
Learnings	Memories
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Timing and planning of programs needs specific logistical focus due to dietary and travel time restrictions Senior members are looking for more participation and avenues for engagement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Memorable programs that were attended in record numbers Engagement by senior members in all programs throughout the year

Highlights

- ❑ 350+ participants. Highest number till date.
- ❑ Highest number of sports in MKM history.
- ❑ New sports were introduced – Bridge, Outdoor Cricket, and Pickleball.
- ❑ MKM EC brought 3 generations together.
- ❑ MKM EC took responsibility for finding partners for single players. This encouraged more members to participate and come together.
- ❑ MKM EC went over and beyond to book good facilities for the convenience of members.
- ❑ MKM EC voluntarily provided snacks and beverages during games.
- ❑ MKM members were charged nominal rates for participation.

Learnings

- ❑ Unpredictable Weather put outdoor sports at risk.
- ❑ Accommodating 10 sports in a short span of 1/1.5 months with vacation and holiday schedules.
- ❑ Special attention to players' well-being when playing during an extremely hot weather day.
- ❑ Accommodating last-minute entries.

Year in Numbers

Sport	Total Participation
Outdoor Cricket	75
Indoor Cricket	40
Pickleball	45
Tennis	35
Badminton	65
Table Tennis	45
Wallyball	16
Chess	16
Carrom	30
Total	367

Highlights

- ❑ Added support for Sponsor and Gold Memberships
- ❑ Built-in solution for tickets to save on Tugoz costs (used for Shiv Jayanti and Bal Natya Mahotsav)
- ❑ Updated sponsors and event timeline displays

Challenges and Learnings

- ❑ Synchronizing and aligning data across systems (PayPal/Zelle, Wordpress, Tugoz, Mailing Lists)
 - Delayed membership activations
 - Members not on mailing lists in time
- ❑ Current setup not scalable to 600+ members
- ❑ Duplicate Accounts ⇒ Login issues
- ❑ Verifying memberships (e.g., for Holi dance performers, sports participants) mostly manual
- ❑ Announce RSVP opening times well in advance
- ❑ Don't use Waitlist feature on Tugoz

Year in Numbers

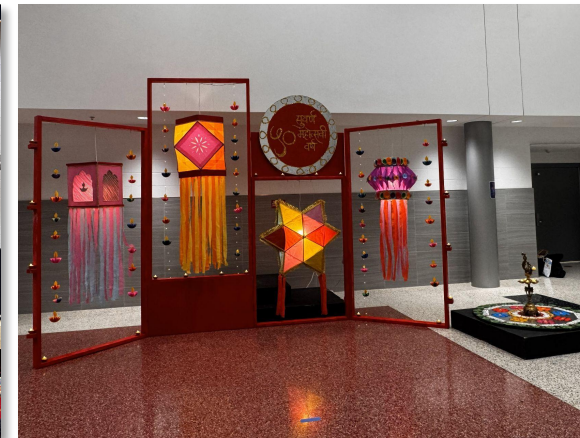
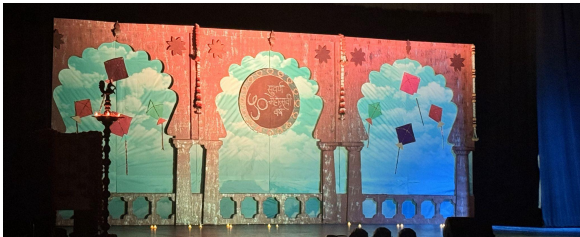
Event	Tickets
Sankranti	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opened RSVP at 4pm, at capacity (716) at 5:38pm • Manually handled 400+ tickets outside of Tugoz
Shiv Jayanti	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New ticketing system live on February 15 • Processed 200+ bookings
Holi	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 233 participant registrations verified semi-manually
Ganapati	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 800 tickets sold on the first day (total 1425+) • 1000 by the 4th day
Diwali	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Herndon HS seating chart, working with facilities team • RSVP open at 10am – 564 tickets sold by 6pm, including most of the center seats
Total	617 Members + 5500+ tickets over the year



Highlights	Year in Numbers
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kept the community informed about upcoming programs and schedules Highlighted program details and key offerings Created engaging program flyers and promotional videos Promoted content across social media platforms such as Facebook and WhatsApp 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Social media outreach played a key role in connecting with the community and maximizing RSVPs
Learnings	Memories
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clear and timely communication helps keep the community engaged and informed Visual content like flyers and promo videos increases reach and interest Consistent social media presence improves program awareness Using multiple platforms (Facebook, WhatsApp) expands audience reach Creating posts on Facebook and WhatsApp also helped us gather feedback for the programs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Creating promo videos was a lot of fun. It was amazing to see everyone's creativity and the enthusiasm they brought to each video.

Highlights		Year in Numbers			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> यावर्षी मंडळाच्या सुवर्ण महोत्सवी वर्षाला साजेल असे हितगुज असावे असा हेतू मनात ठेऊन आम्ही अंकांची नावंही अगदी विचारपूर्वक निवडली. सुवर्ण संक्रमण :- संक्रमण आणि सुवर्ण महोत्सव यांची सांगड म्हणून हे नाव या अंकाला दिल. या अंकात “राष्ट्रीय युवा दिवस”च्या निमित्ताने स्वामी विवेकानंद, आणि “पत्रकारिता दिवस”च्या निमित्ताने देखील विषय देण्यात आला. सुवर्ण श्री :- हा अंक लहान मुलांनी पाठवलेल्या चित्रांनी आणि त्यांच्या हस्ताक्षरात त्यांनी पाठवलेल्या गणपतीच्या कथांनी विशेष आकर्षक ठरला. सुवर्ण दीप:- अर्थातच दिवाळी विशेषांक आणि तो देखील छापील!! काही ललित लेख, काही कविता, काही अनुभव, लघुकथा अशा वैविध्यांनी हा अंक सजलेला होता. सुवर्ण रंग :- होळी आणि शिवजयंती या दोन्ही उत्सवांचा मिळून असा हा अंक अनेक स्थानिक कलाकारांनी काढलेल्या चित्रांनी अतिशय आकर्षक झाला. सुवर्ण द्वैत :- महाराष्ट्र दिन, मे दिन आणि आषाढी एकादशी असे मराठी माणसाच्या जीवाभावाचे विषय आम्ही एकत्र आणून द्वैत साधले म्हणून सुवर्ण द्वैत! 		Ank	Articles	Poems	Others (pictures/ recipes)
		Sankrant	13	1	4
		Holi	6	2	8
		Wari	8	2	2
		Ganpati	7	0	12
		Diwali	11	7	0
Memories					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> या वर्षी आम्ही सुवर्ण हा धागा कायम ठेवण्याचा यशस्वी प्रयत्न केला. लेखक वाचकांच्या उदंड प्रतिसादामुळे आम्हालाही कामाचा ताण जाणवला नाही. 					

Highlights	Year in Numbers
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Bhavya - Divya <input type="checkbox"/> Benchmark in the level of our creativity and workmanship <input type="checkbox"/> Showed something unique and creative for all events. <input type="checkbox"/> For Sankrant we presented life size Chandi che taat, Gulab daani, and attardani <input type="checkbox"/> For Holi, the stage came alive with a floating backdrop and stunning 12-ft hand-painted Radha-Krishna cutouts framing the stage. <input type="checkbox"/> To celebrate Maharashtra Din, we created an 8 ft × 8 ft map of Maharashtra and made it interactive by inviting members to place pins on the map, showcasing the diversity across the state. <input type="checkbox"/> For Ganeshotsav, we created a grand 20-ft-tall mandir where members could walk inside and experience darshan up close 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> 650+ volunteer hours <input type="checkbox"/> 40+ Volunteers (Ages 13- 70) <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteers provided food for 16+ days including tea, coffee snacks and and dinner. <input type="checkbox"/> 1,000+ people took pictures at the unique photo booths created for each of the major events throughout the year.
Learnings	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Ensure timely handover from the EC to allow sufficient planning and execution. <input type="checkbox"/> Use plywood and tarpaulin to protect school property during setup and teardown. <input type="checkbox"/> Factor in tariffs, material cost fluctuations, and shipping timelines during budgeting and procurement. <input type="checkbox"/> Develop detailed decoration plans, material lists, and clear task assignments for volunteers. <input type="checkbox"/> Conduct mock-up or dry-run sessions prior to the actual event to validate design and logistics. <input type="checkbox"/> Maximize reuse and recycling of materials wherever possible to reduce cost and waste. 	





Highlights	Year in Numbers
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assisted with youth volunteer hours tracking, provided volunteers with forms to certify hours, and updated certificates for Holi program participants. Helped the decoration team with various preparation and setup work. Outreach to local university groups (3 at GMU and 2 at UMD) through social media, dispersing and posting flyers in an effort to invite students to our Ganesh Utsav program. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Outreach efforts resulted in 5 – 12 student attendees (mostly GMU).
Learnings	Memories
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plenty of India student groups at nearby universities willing to collaborate on programs and build connections for future MKM program involvement. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An absolute joy to work alongside the EC and a true privilege to serve the MKM the community!

Highlights

- ❑ **Record Financial Performance:**
Generated the **highest carry-over balance in the history of MKM**, achieved through disciplined financial management **without adding any additional burden on members**.
 - ❑ Total of \$110,078.70
 - ❑ Carry Over for 2026 -\$60,078.70
- ❑ **Golden Jubilee Financial Planning:**
Created a **separate and dedicated provision of funds** toward the upcoming **Golden Jubilee celebration**, ensuring long-term readiness without impacting regular operations.
 - ❑ Golden Jubilee Celebration Reserve-\$50,000
- ❑ **Large-Scale Event Financial Management (2025):**
Successfully managed finances and provided disciplined financial oversight during MKM's **highest membership in history (617 member families)** and one of the **largest turnout events in 2025**, ensuring cost control while delivering exceptional value and member experience.
- ❑ **Senior Gold Membership Initiative:**
Introduced **Gold Membership (\$0 membership fee)** for senior members as a mark of respect and gratitude for their invaluable contributions in building and sustaining MKM.
- ❑ **Member-First Cost Relief Despite Inflation:**
Despite significant inflationary pressures and rising costs across **facilities, food, programming, materials, and vendors**, MKM maintained strong financial stewardship.
- ❑ **Reduced membership dues by 7% compared to 2024**
- ❑ **Strategic Vendor Optimization:**
Increased use of **India-based vendors**, enabling: Support for vendors back home
- ❑ **Meaningful cost reduction with excellent quality while achieving significant scalability enhancement**
Successful execution of major events, including **Sankrant, Maharashtra Din, Ganapati, and Diwali**
- ❑ **Social Responsibility & Community Impact:**
Continued MKM's commitment to social causes through **financial contributions and donations** to:
 - ✓ **Deepstambh** – supporting Divyang individuals
 - ✓ **Snehwan** – supporting orphaned children

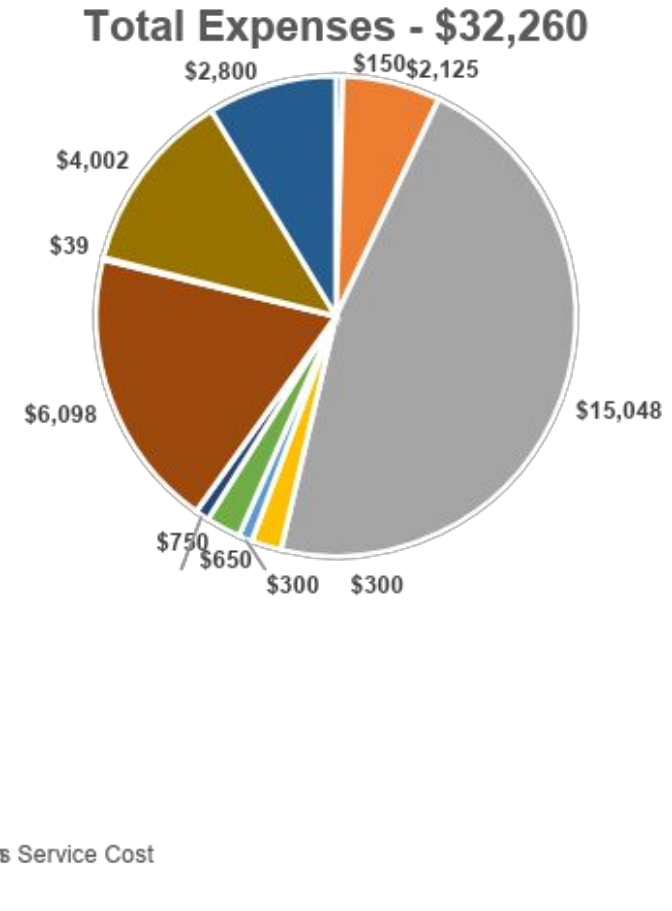
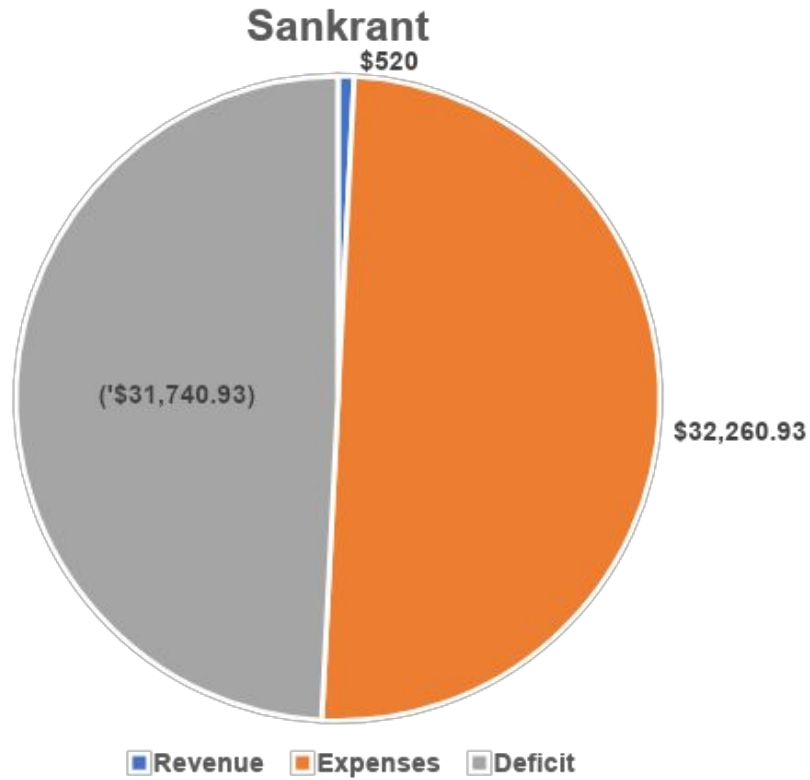


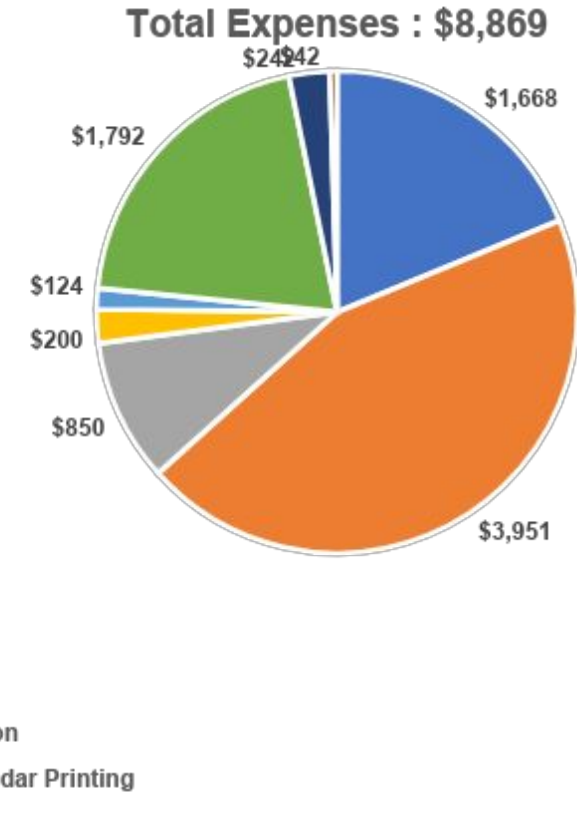
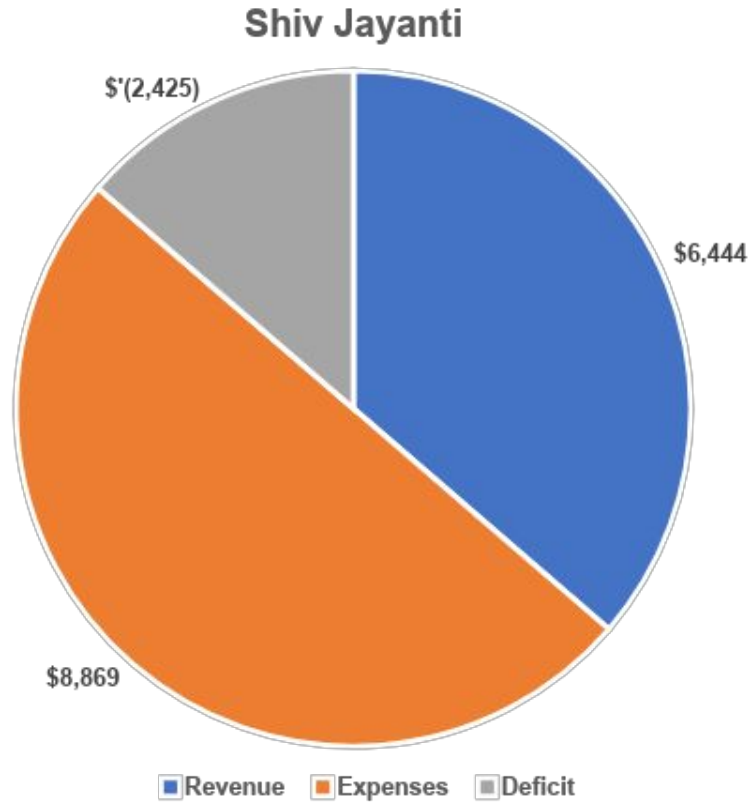
Learnings	Memories
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Explore more ways to create more value for students in the area. ❑ Explore ways to attract first time members with more value in first year (financially). ❑ Allocate more money to giving-back initiatives for helping community members and charities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Serving the MKM community has been an honor with thousands of smiling faces across multiple events. ❑ Will miss the registration desk - Best experience in knowing the community first hand, a test of patience to sit at one place for the people who constantly travel for work, and long sleepless nights pre and post events.

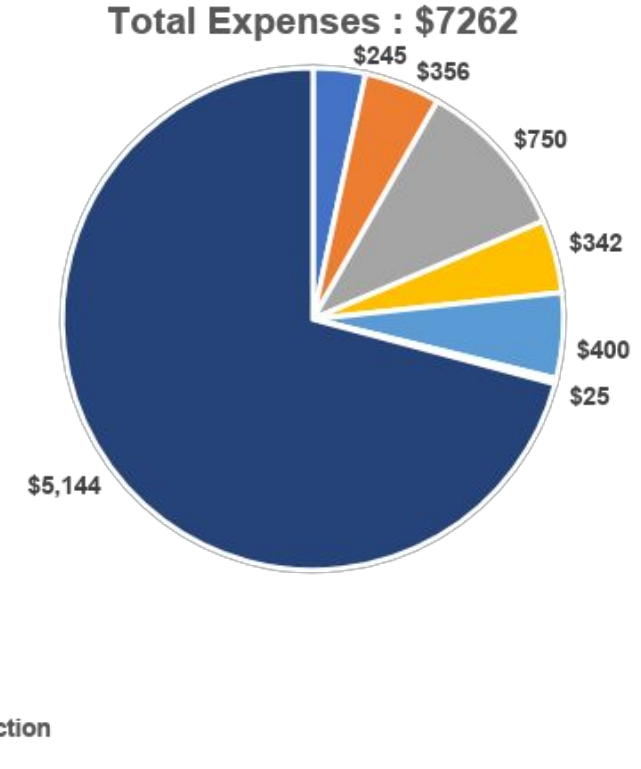
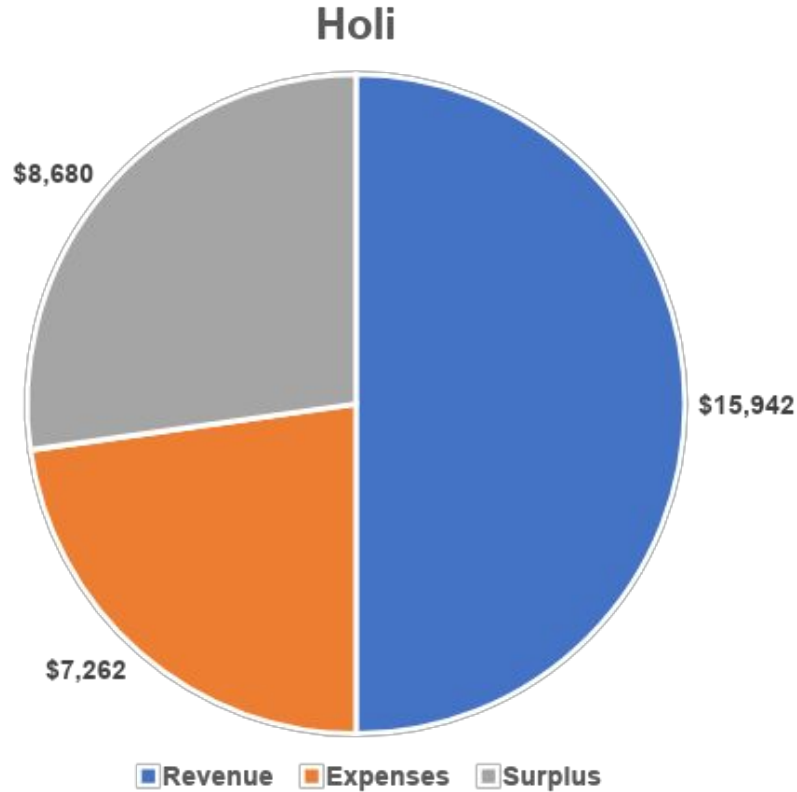
Event	Date	Total Revenue	Expenses	Net	Total RSVP
Sankrant	1st Feb 2025	-	\$31,740.93	-\$31,740.93	1201
Shiv Jayanti	8th March 2025	\$6,444.02	\$8,869.23	-\$2,425.21	560
Rangotsav 2025	29th March 2025	\$15,942.00	\$7,261.98	\$8,680.02	801
Agranee Maitree Melawa	26th April 2025	\$500.00	\$328.27	\$171.73	96
Maharashtra Din	3rd May 2025	\$11,821.00	\$14,433.46	-\$2,612.46	317
Jina Isi ka Naam hai - Deepstambh	4th May 2025	-	\$410.00	-\$410.00	125
Bal Kala Mahotsav	14th June 2025	\$10,175.00	\$7,476.20	\$2,698.80	398
Wari Sangata	6th July 2025	-	\$340.32	-\$340.32	154
Agranee Sangeet Melawa	16th July 2025	-	\$945.29	-\$945.29	124
Sports Day	June-July 2025	\$3,090.00	\$4,342.89	-\$1,252.89	367
Ganeshotsav	31st Aug 2025	\$29,068.74	\$33,300.11	-\$4,231.37	1434
Diwali	19th Oct 2025	\$65,861.89	\$45,331.37	\$20,530.52	1107
AGBM	20th Dec 2025		\$1,365.00	-\$1,365.00	

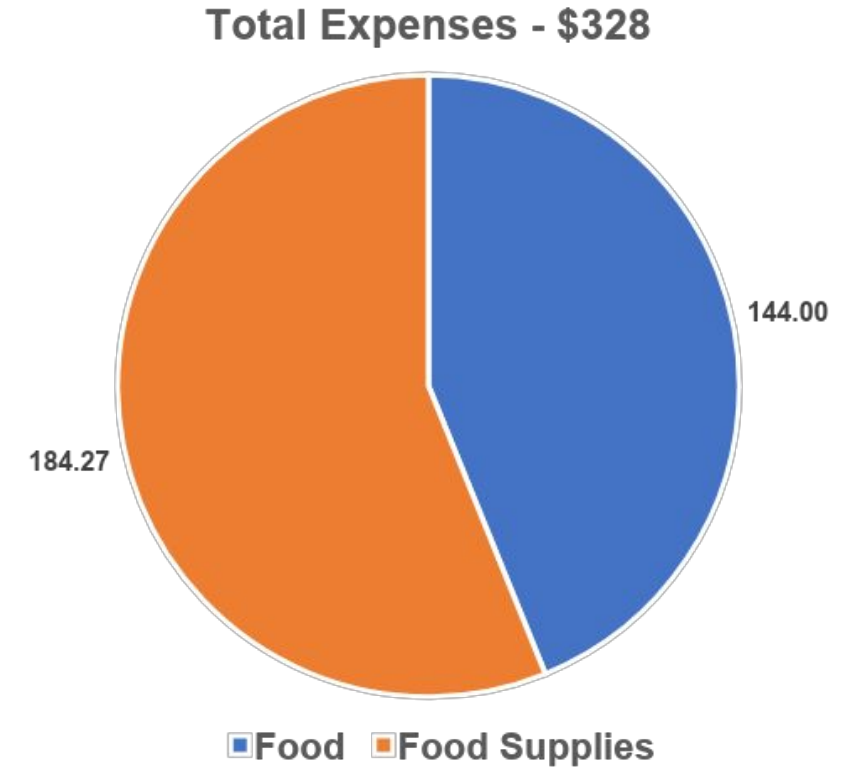
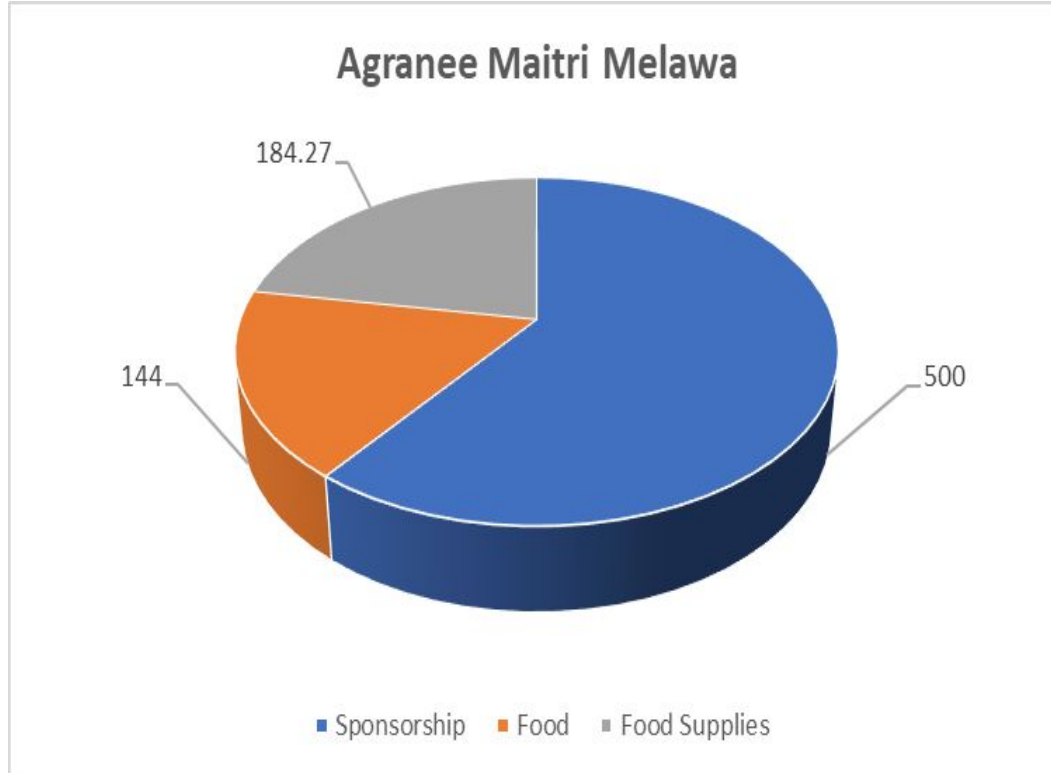


Revenue		Expenses	
Event RSVP	\$133,248.65	Program Expenses	\$163,474.95
Membership	\$68,072.53	Insurance	\$920.00
Sponsor Membership	\$2,920.00	Dues and Subscriptions	\$3,624.77
Donations	\$901.00	Storage Fees	\$4,493.20
Mis. Income	\$150.00	Professional Fees	\$300.00
Sponsorship	\$39,800.00	Stationery & Calendar Printing	\$4,443.00
Ganapati/Wari Cash	\$527.38	Penalties & Settlements	\$571.80
Community Emails	\$2,300.00	Mis other Expenses	293.31
Program Sponsorships	\$6,700.00	Transport	504.08
Revenue -Stalls	\$2,398.00		
Interest Earned	\$1,808.41		
Other Portfolio Income	\$2,000.00		
MKM Operating Balances – 12/15/2025		MKM Savings /CD Accounts-1380 & 4633	
Bank of America -5479	\$110,078.70	As on 12/15/2025	\$18,108.53
Bank of America -9032	\$0.00	Flexible CD-4633	\$70,000.82
Paypal – Balance	\$0.00		
Prepaid Membership- Zelle	\$0.00		
Prepaid Expenses for 2026	\$1,023.00		
Outstanding Expenses -2025	\$0.00		
Outstanding Expenses paid -2024	\$5,812.51		

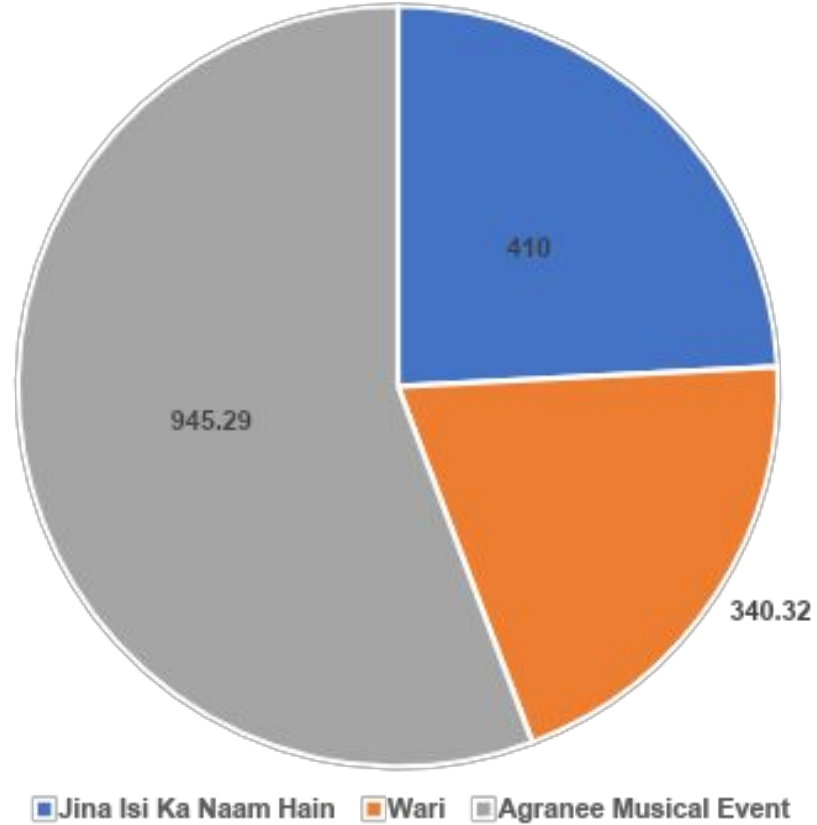


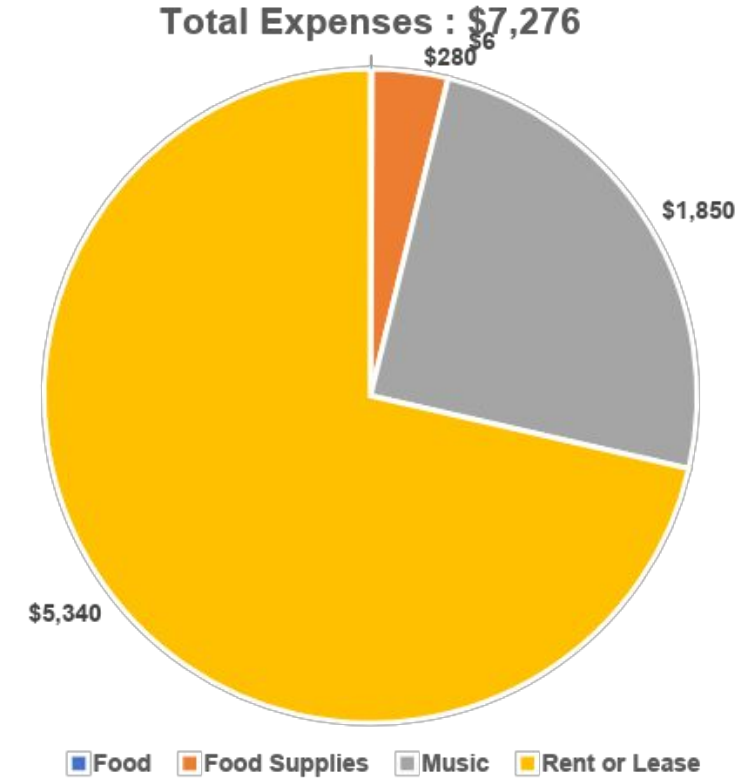
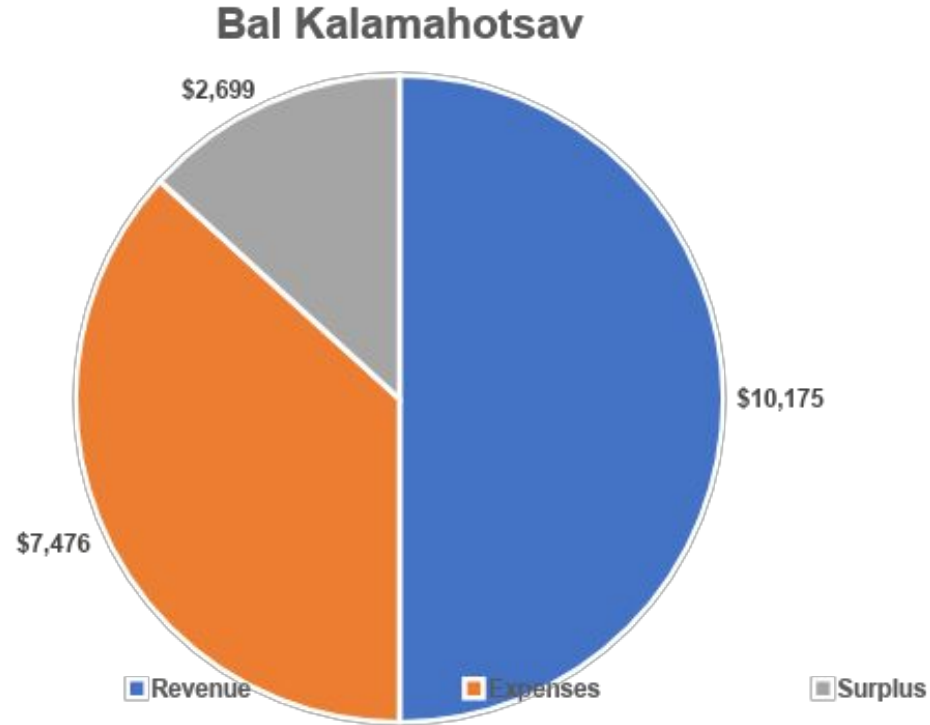


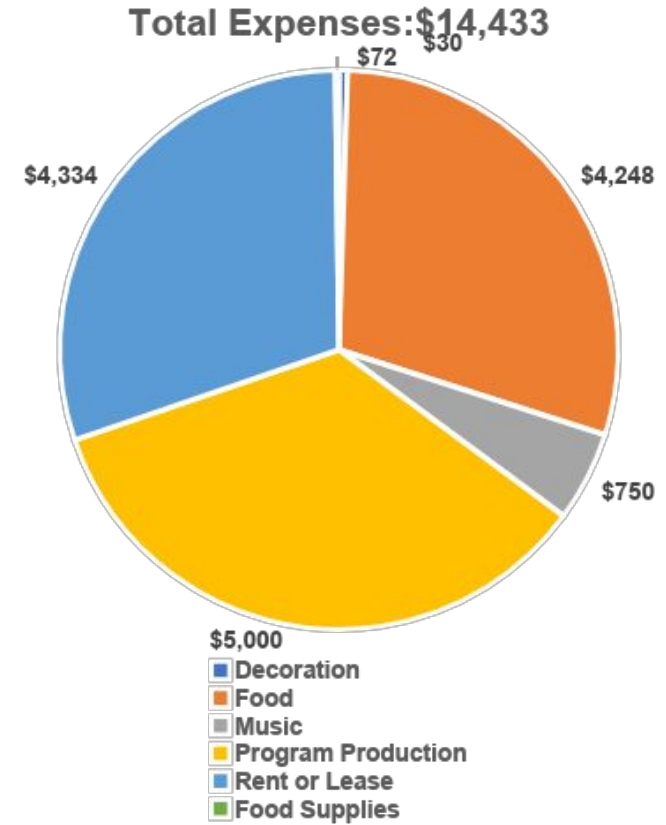
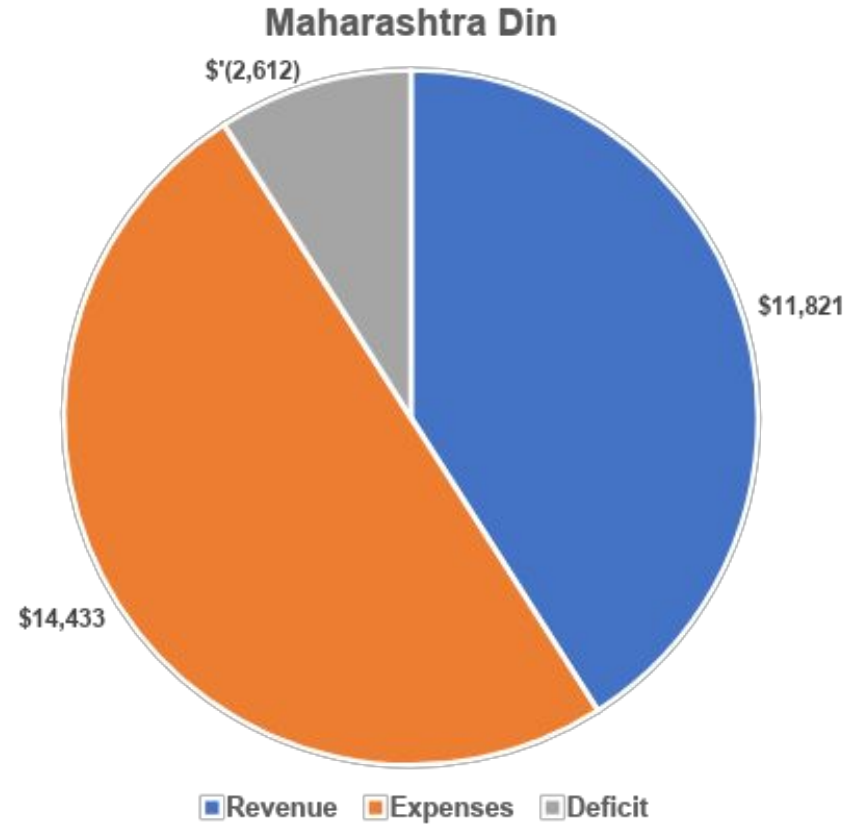


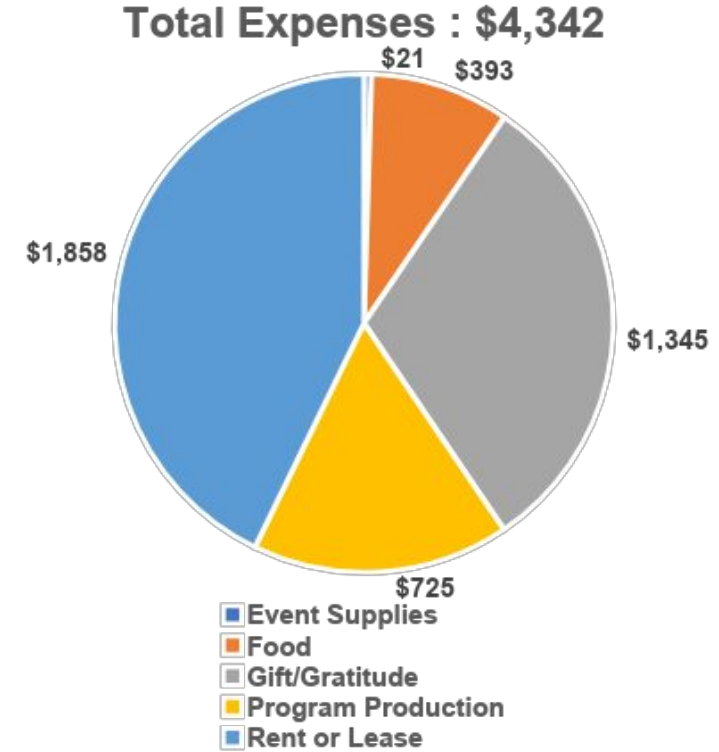
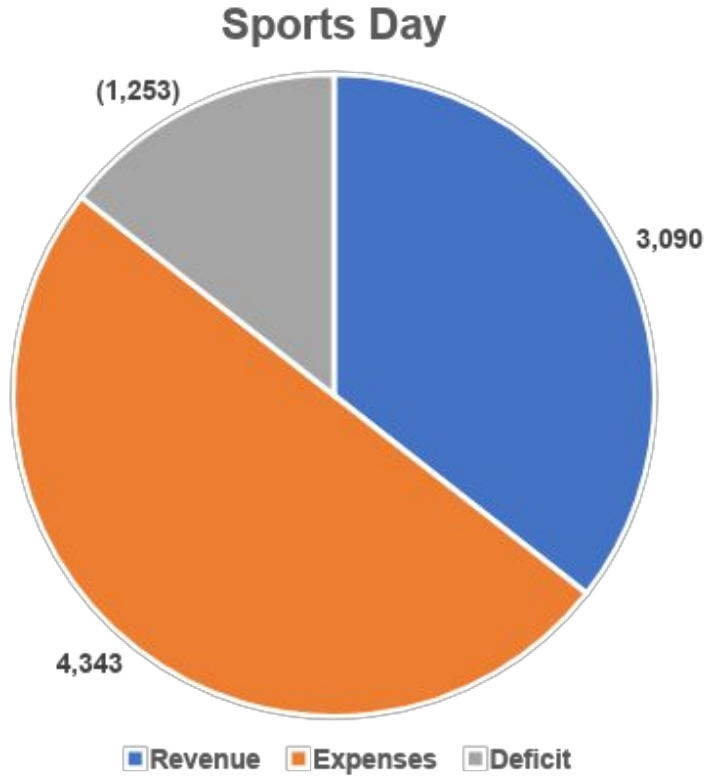


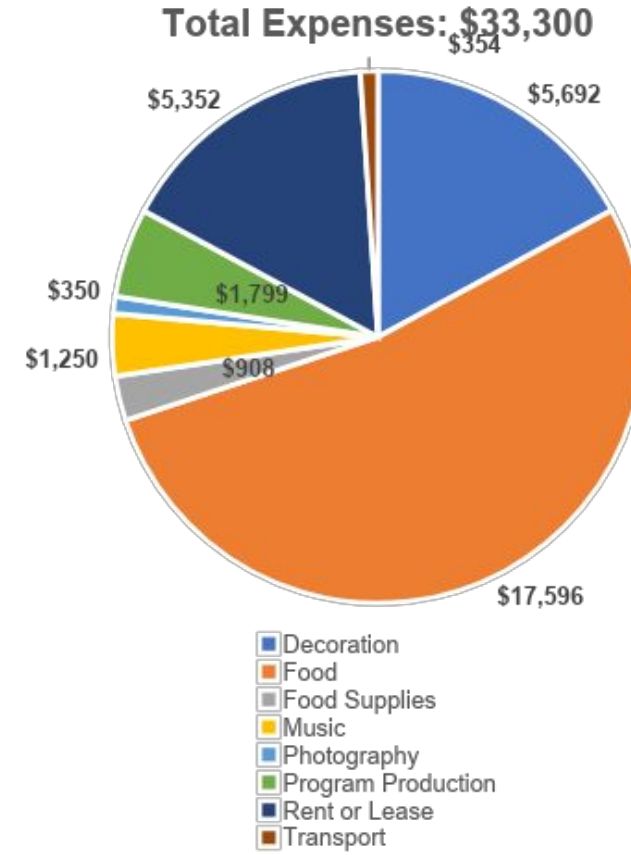
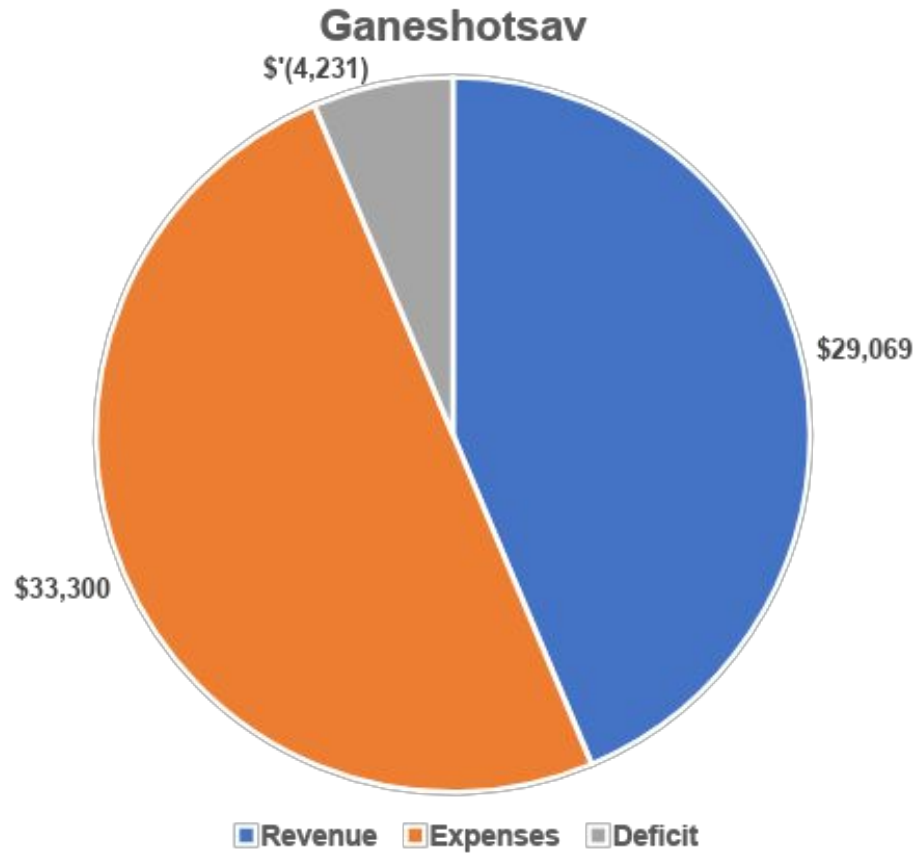
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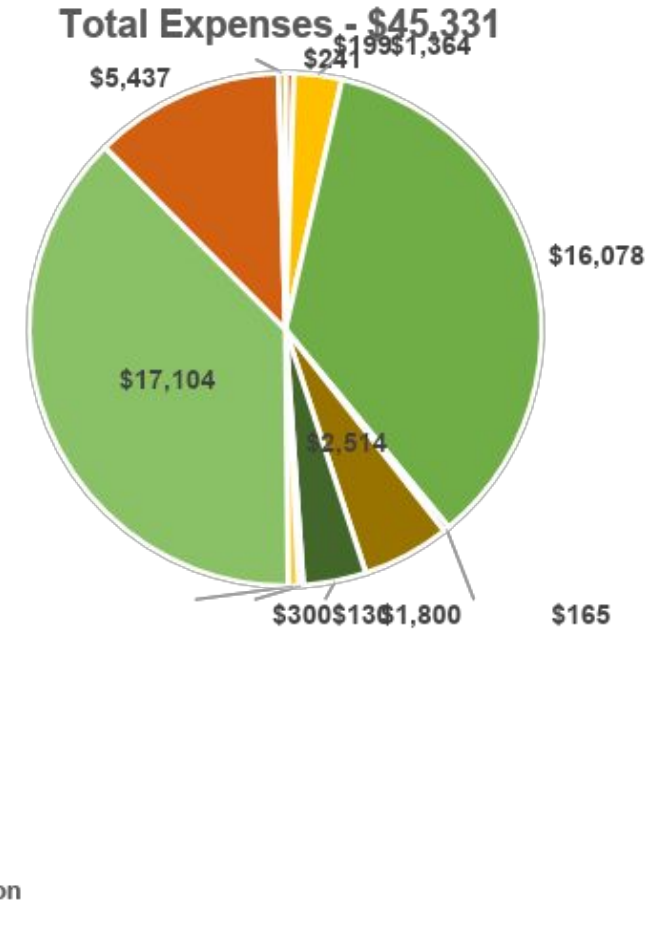
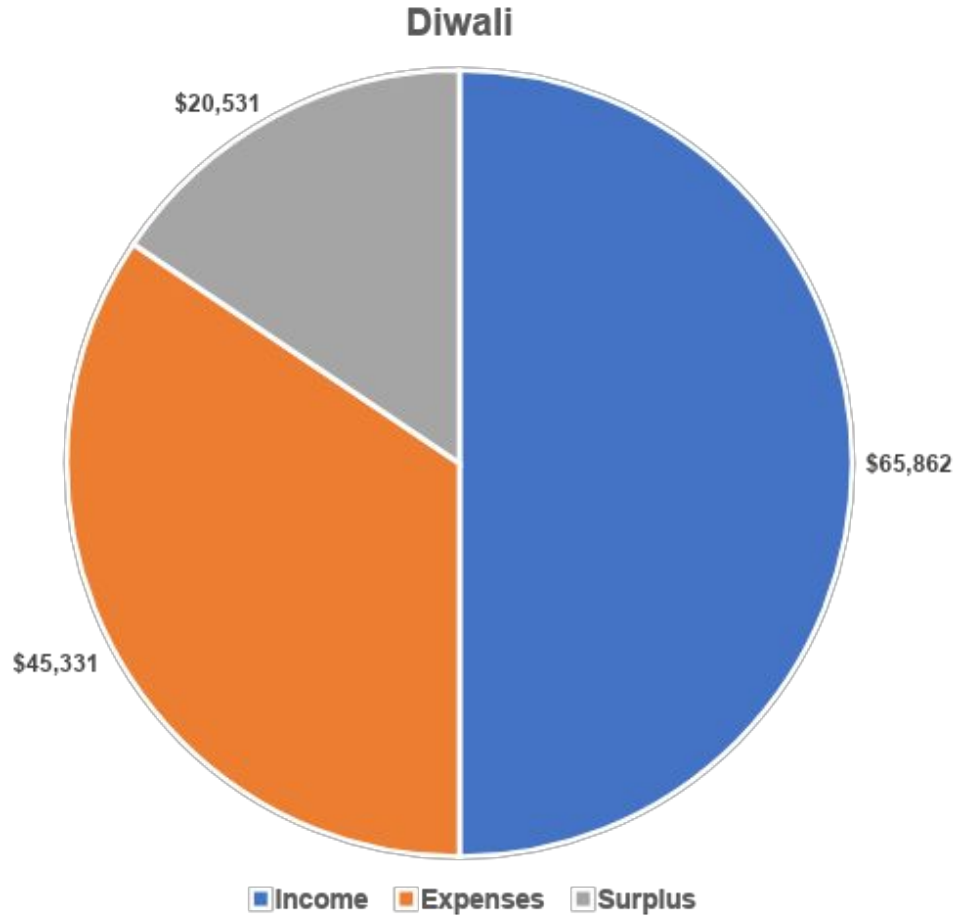








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Highlights	Memories
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Reach in US has offered support to MKM if they can run a book drive at Holi program where youth of MKM will be involved in community activities. ❑ Amar Chitra Katha discount rates for interested members ❑ Members can use LOTE app in Loudon County Library to access books and activities in Marathi for children. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ We would like to thank Mr.Avirat Kanhere for his valuable support and guidance as a member of BOT for the past 3 years.
Learnings	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ MKM should have a philanthropic facet to the organization and to achieve this maintain a partnership with Reach in US. 	

Motions

Title	Appoint certain EC members to follow the rule of cleaning the school facility MKM uses after each event.
Proposed By	Aditi Lonkar
Description	Lately MKM has been facing the issue of non availability of the county schools .School facilities are not available to MKM due to certain reasons as not following the rules of keeping the auditorium, cafeteria clean after the use.
Reason	One of MKM mission and goal is to execute all events of the MKM in timely manners and with the capacity accommodating expected audience for that event.
Proposed Action/Resolution	Each year some of the EC members must be assigned to look after the cleaning of the school facility e.g. cafeteria, auditorium, hallways , specially when we have stalls from outside vendors. MKM EC can hire a cleaning staff to make sure the cleaning job is done thoroughly and as per the expectations of the school. That way MKM will not face the non availability of the school facilities and struggle to get the venue on the date artists are available for the program or adjust the program timeline, availability of the artists as per the availability of the school.
Amendment (in AGBM)	
Action (Passed/Denied)	
Comments	

Title	Complimentary Booth/Table for Member-Produced Original Artwork at Major MKM Events
Proposed By	Gananath Moharir
Description	MKM will offer complimentary or significantly discounted booth/table space at major MKM events for the display and sale of original, member-produced artwork.
Reason	As a Kala Mandal—an arts collective—MKM's core purpose is to promote artistic expression, showcase cultural talent, and support creative contributions from within the Maharashtrian community. Many MKM members create original works such as music albums, literature, crafts, visual art, and other cultural artifacts that enrich the community's artistic landscape. While MKM events are an ideal platform for members to share and celebrate these creations, the current booth/table rental fees categorize member-artists as commercial vendors, placing them alongside food vendors, apparel sellers, or profit-driven businesses. This grouping does not reflect the intent or spirit of member-produced creative work, which is fundamentally cultural, not commercial. Offering complimentary or discounted exhibition space – booth/tables- acknowledges the unique role of member-artists in advancing MKM's cultural mission. It encourages participation, promotes cultural preservation, and gives visibility to the creative talent that defines MKM's identity. This gesture also strengthens community engagement and reinforces MKM's commitment to nurturing the arts, as stated in its founding principles.
Proposed Action/Resolution	MKM shall provide complimentary or discounted booth/table space at major MKM events for members wishing to display or sell their original artwork created in the U.S. 2. The number of complimentary/discounted booths or tables shall be limited and determined by the committee based on event capacity and logistics. 3. Event announcements shall specify the number of booths/tables reserved for member-produced artwork and outline the application/selection process, if any.
Amendment (in AGBM)	
Action (Passed/Denied) Comments	



Title	Rebalancing AGBM Agenda to Reduce Administrative Presentation Time and Increase Member Input
Proposed By	Gananath Moharir
Description	This motion proposes streamlining administrative discussions and presentations during the MKM Annual General Body Meeting (AGBM) to create more time for open dialogue, member suggestions, and constructive discussion. The intent is to make the AGBM more participatory, engaging, and aligned with MKM's community-driven foundation.
Reason	The AGBM is the primary platform where MKM members and committee members come together to evaluate the organization's performance and shape its direction for the coming year. However, recent AGBMs have devoted a disproportionate amount of time to administrative reviews and lengthy presentations. This leaves insufficient opportunity for members to express concerns, raise motions, or provide meaningful input—leading to declining engagement and a sense that member voices are not fully heard. From a governance standpoint, effective nonprofit organizations emphasize transparency, open participation, and active feedback from their membership. Creating space for discussion not only strengthens community trust but also helps the committee gather diverse perspectives that lead to better decisions and initiatives. By streamlining the administrative components of the meeting, MKM will foster a healthier dialogue between leadership and members, encourage broader participation, and ensure that the AGBM remains a vibrant forum for collective decision-making. This shift directly supports MKM's mission as a nonprofit, charitable, and volunteer-driven organization centered on community involvement and cultural enrichment.
Proposed Action/Resolution	Circulate the full Annual Report to all members electronically (via email or downloadable link) prior to the AGBM to ensure transparency while reducing the need for lengthy in-meeting presentations. 2. Limit the AGBM presentation to a concise summary of the Annual Report, focusing only on key highlights, major decisions, and critical updates. 3. Ensure sufficient time for all non-duplicative motions to be presented, heard, and discussed during the AGBM. 4. Above all, allocate a dedicated, meaningful time block for open member discussion, including suggestions, concerns, and general feedback, to encourage community participation and constructive dialogue.
Amendment (in AGBM)	
Action (Passed/Denied)	
Comments	



Title	Constitution Amendments
Proposed By	Mihir Kurane
Description	The EC 2025 initiated a review of the MKM Constitution in mid-2025. It appointed an Ad-Hoc Committee to independently review and recommend changes and updates that reflect the evolving vision of Marathi Kala Mandal. Multiple platforms—including online forms and town hall meetings—were provided to gather input and suggestions from the community. These proposed amendments are critical to ensuring that our Constitution continues to accurately reflect the organization’s mission, values, and long-term goals. I recommend that this process and effort be taken to its conclusion.
Reason	Revisions and/or updates that will provide greater clarity across various sections and help reduce ambiguity.
Proposed Action/Resolution	Request the EC 2026 to continue this process with the help of the Ad-Hoc committee and involve the community at large to take this initiative to a conclusion via a voting mechanism as defined in our current MKM Constitution.
Amendment (in AGBM)	
Action (Passed/Denied)	
Comments	

Title	Motion to Establish a Safety Initiative and Develop a Safety Standard Operating Procedure (SoP) for MKM Events
Proposed By	Mihir Kurane
Description	This motion proposes that the community recognize the importance of attendee safety at all MKM-organized events and initiate a structured Safety Initiative. As part of this initiative, MKM and EC should develop and adopt a Safety Standard Operating Procedure (SoP) that provides clear guidance and best practices to be followed before, during, and after all events conducted throughout the year.
Reason	Following an incident that occurred during the recent Diwali function, it has become evident that MKM must place greater and more consistent emphasis on the safety and well-being of its members, volunteers, performers, and guests. While MKM has always prioritized cultural enrichment and community engagement, ensuring a safe environment is equally essential. Establishing a formal Safety SoP will help prevent future incidents, promote preparedness, and demonstrate MKM's commitment to responsible event management.
Proposed Action/Resolution	Request the EC (current/future) to implement safety initiative during MKM events.
Amendment (in AGBM)	
Action (Passed/Denied)	
Comments	

Title	Safety and Security of MKM function
Proposed By	Parag S Shukla
Description	Discuss safety and security protocol for MKM functions - As we know the context, during Diwali program we had unfortunate incidence of injury to the senior citizen. The request for EC is to share the outcome of fact finding initiative including root cause and lesson learned. Then request to EC is to share its initiative for Safety SoP and progress made so far. Membership is requested to share their thoughts which will shape the Safety SoP.
Reason	Avoidance of accidents
Proposed Action/Resolution	Concrete actions to implement safety and security protocol
Amendment (in AGBM)	
Action (Passed/Denied)	
Comments	

Title	Celebration of glorious 50 years of MKM
Proposed By	Parag S Shukla
Description	Celebrating glorious 50 years of MKM - MKM membership understand that because of some unavoidable circumstances current EC could not hold 50th year celebration function in 2025. This motion is to discuss the need and options to celebrate 50 years of existence of MKM in 2026. We would like to hear views of incoming EC. Membership is requested to give their input to incoming EC.
Reason	AGBM 2024 and numerous communication over the year discussed the need and options to celebrate 50th year. This motion will lay down the path for 2026 to complete the unfinished agenda from 2024 AGBM
Proposed Action/Resolution	Direction from AGBM for EC 2026
Amendment (in AGBM)	
Action (Passed/Denied)	
Comments	

Q and A

Welcome to Executive Committee (EC) 2026!