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# Annual General Body Meeting 2024

DECEMBER 15, 2024 | DUVALL LIBRARY | 3:30 – 5:30 PM

# Agenda

- Reflecting on the year gone by
  - SMM & BMM Connection
  - Yuva
  - Shala
  - Uttarang
- SMM Board of Trustee Updates
- 2025 Executive Committee Nominations
- 2025 Board of Trustee nomination
- Finance Update
- By-laws Amendment proposals
- Questions & Answers

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# Executive Committee 2024

- Ashwini Kshirsagar ( President)
- Shilpa Karve (Vice President)
- Poonam Gajbe (Secretary)
- Amit Doiphode (Treasurer)
- Advait Sathe (Webmaster and Media Communication)
- Sushant Patil (Yuva Mandal Lead)
- Apurva Chinchwadkar (Facilities)
- Mrudani Panchakshari (Membership)
- Prachi Khandekar (Food)
- Isha Potnis (Programming and Decoration )
- Ambar Rasal (Programming and Decoration)
- Ninad Lade (Programming and Decoration, Audio)
- Aarti Lotlikar (Audio, Other)
- Tejaswini Salunke (Social Media, Other)

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# 2024 Updates

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| January | Makar Sankrant |
| February | Marathi Bhasha Din, Mandar Bhide Stand-up Show |
| March | Talent Show, Shivrayancha Chhava movie, Women's Day On-line Interviews |
| April | Chaarchowghi (India Programming), Swaraali (Local Artists Music concert) |
| May | Mother's Day On-line Entries |
| June | Naatyamahotsav (3 local plays that performed at BMM 2024), Father's Day On-line Entries |
| July | SMM Picnic, Sankarshan Via Spruha (India Programming) |
| August | Mangalagaur |
| September | Ganeshotsav |
| October | Geet Ramayan (India Programming) |
| November | Bellevue Square Diwali Program, Rangolis, Mannequin Decoration; Diwali Pahaat (Local Artists Music Concert); Sarathi Diwali Anka and Diwali Faral distribution |
| December | Redmond lights, Datta Jayanti (Gajanan Maharaj Devottee volunteers) & AGBM |

## Accomplishments 2024

- SMM brought home BMM Convention for 2026
- Membership increased by 25% since 2023
- 33 (check exact number) events involving community members from Seattle and vicinity from all areas of experience
- SMM continued community relations with Bellevue Square mall for Diwali event, and participated in building new community relations with India Day Parade in Seattle, and Independence Day Parade in Bellevue
- Yuva Mandal led programs like Bloodworks NW, 5K Walk/Run, Picnic, and Diwali Pahaat
- Marathi Shala and Uttarang continue to be well received this year

# YUVA MANDAL EVENT UPDATES

2022-2023

President : Atharva Lokhande

Vice President: Ameya Sathe

Secretary: Siddharth Lotlikar

Treasurer: Tanisha Kshirsagar

Webmaster: Aarya Bhoite

2023-2024

President : Aarya Bhoite

Vice President: Radha Shriram

Secretary: Aanandi Patil

Treasurer: Gargi Pendharkar

Webmaster: Abhilasha Patil and Keya Yardi

- Yuva Meet and Greet – Esha More alumni motivational speech
- DeAsra Internship and keynote by Dr. Deshpande
- Kids Camp
- Summer picnic - fundraiser
- Manglagaur – Sophia Way donation
- Dhol Pathak
- Ganapati Festival fundraiser
- Diwali Event Bellevue square mall
- Redmond Lights
- Sankranti – pizza, water bottles, and tea sold
- Dazzling Maharashtra – sold water bottles
- Maitri Melawa – yuva participation, selling juices and bars, motivational speeches
- Food drive for Helen's Place – worked as a team to cook pasta, donated canned food and store-bought pizza for the entire shelter

# YUVA MANDAL FINANCIAL REPORT

- **Sankranti:** Sale Pizza, Tea and water bottle: $330.00
- **Dazzling Water bottle sale:** $42.00
- **Maitri Melava:** Selling Juices and Bars: $68.00

- **Total transferred to SMM: $440.00**

- **SMM picnic 2022:** Lemonade, cotton candy  and cookies sale $156
- **Fundraiser events:** Manglagaur event - Food drive, donated to Sophia Way
- **Ganpati Festival:** Lemonade sale $92.00

- **Total fundraised amount:** $248.00
- **Total used for Helen's place food drive:** $181.56 – remaining $66.44

# सिएटल मराठी शाळा
## (Seattle Marathi Shala)

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(Seattle Marathi Shala)

- सिॲटल् मराठी शाळा सप्टेंबर 2022 मध्ये सुरु झाली.  शाळा कार्यरत असण्याचे हे दुसरे वर्ष आहे. पहिल्या वर्षी शाळेत 34 मुले होती आणि आता 85 पेक्षा अधिक मुले आहेत. शाळेचे हे लक्षणीय यश आहे.
- सिॲटल् मराठी शाळेने भारती विद्यापीठाचा अभ्यासक्रम स्वीकारला आहे. सध्या शाळेचे मिश्र रूप आहे (हायब्रीड मॉडेल ).
- शुक्रवारी संध्याकाळी शाळा ऑनलाइन असते. वर्गशिक्षक त्यांच्या विद्यार्थ्यांना ऑनलाइन वातावरणात Microsoft चे Teams वापरून शिकवतात . महिन्यातून एकदा वैयक्तिक वर्ग असतो,  त्यावेळी विद्यार्थी सांस्कृतिक उपक्रमात भाग घेतात आणि श्लोक व नेहमीचा अभ्यासक्रम शिकतात
- हायब्रीड मॉडेलच्या सहाय्याने आम्ही निश्चितपणे मोठ्या समुदायाची गरज पूर्ण करू शकतो.

# Cultural Activities

Bhondla

Bappa Murti Making

Sholk Varg

# Fees and operational cost.

- Shala charges minimal fees of $160 per student per school year. These fees are used for premises rental for in person classes, snacks for kids, materials for cultural activities, printing and volunteer appreciation.

**Shala is a nonprofit organization, run by volunteers.**

# Staff Members

Meghana Paranjape:
Principal

Savita More:
Coordinator, 4th Grade teacher and founder.

Rama Herwadkar:
Coordinator, Founder, Event Team Lead.

Manasi Upasani:
Treasurer.

# Balwadi Teachers and Curriculum Coordinators.

Balwadi

Urmila Dhole  and Rama Herwadkar

Balwadi 1

Anuja Pol, Samhita Kulkarni, Pradnya Khadpakar, and Arti Jagjumpi

Balwadi 2

Shraddha Gupte, Suchitra Sane, Akshata Kulkarni

# Elementary Grade Teachers and Curriculum Coordinators.

Grade 1

Smita Moghe, Aditya Sahastrabudhe, Amruta Kulkarni, Shweta Haridas, Sayali Chakradev

Grade 2

Shantanu Deshpande, Tejal Savdekar, Savita More

Grade 3

Usha Adgaonkar, Savita More

Grade 4

Savita More

# Support Teachers

Support Teachers

Mrudul Kotnis, Arachana Partvkar, Padma Lokhande

# Event Team and Parent Volunteers

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|---|---|---|---|
| Trupti Wadadekar | Archana Sutar | Vibhavari Agnihotri | Ujwala Magdum |
| Ketaki Natekar | Madhura Bhatawadekar | Saee Patil | Pooja Sudame |
| Kalyani Medheka | Varuna Rajkondawar | Janhvi More | |

Thank you for all your support.

For any inquiries, reach out to
Shala.Info@seattlemm.org

# Seattle Uttarrang Session

- In 2022, SMM started Uttarrang session along with Vancouver, Portland and Calgary and it is still going well.
- This group has 3 volunteers. (SMM is open to have more volunteers)
- Uttarrang uses SMM zoom link for sessions.

# SMM & BMM connection

- BMM Maitri Melava in 2023
- BMM Reshimgathi Melava in 2023
- Bring BMM convention in Seattle
- All whats'app groups links available on SMM website

# Board Of Trustees (BoT)

- SMM has 3 BOT positions
- Each having a three-year term.
- Commenced as 1-, 2- and 3-year terms to keep continuity of experience.
- Current Terms:
  - Vikas Patwardhan – Ending December 31, 2023
  - Meghana Paranjape – Ending December 31, 2024
  - Rama Herwadkar –Ending December 31,2025

# Board of Trusties for 2023

## Key points from By-laws

- Accountable to the General Body of the SMM.
- Trustees have fiduciary responsibilities – act in the best interest of SMM, provide guidance to EC for the same end goal
- Manage SMM's general funds in a responsible manner and disburse seed funds to the Executive Committee if needed for special projects and events

## BOT is involved only when…

- EC wants guidance or consultancy for big events or activities
- EC needs clarity on "is this right thing to do per our charter"
- EC has internal debates or conflicts that could use an impartial body to help resolve

## How was 2023 for SMM….

- Great
- Generally, for the BOT , "no news is good news"
  - We did have some differences in opinions and viewpoints but nothing out of the ordinary
  - Maitri Melawa Great addition to programs but still ways to go to fine tune.
- Starting to strategize to bring BMM to Seattle
- Our finances are in a good shape
- Great EC & BOT working together this year

| **Current Assets:** | | Starting | Ending | Net |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Wells Fargo Savings Account: | A/C # *2582 | $147,132.37 | $142,534.05 | ($4,598.32) |
| Wells Fargo Savings Account: | A/C #*1262 | $51,929.24 | $52,085.26 | $156.02 |
| Wells Fargo Savings Account: | A/C #*2097 | $50,708.26 | $51,394.53 | $686.27 |

# Bank Balance year ending 2023

YOY bank balance remains the same

| A/C Details | Balance |
|---|---|
| PayPal | $14,644.38 |
| Shala Checking | $25,765.62 |
| SMM Checking | $46,627.89 |
| Savings | $142,534.05 |
| CD | $102,643.87 |

# 2023 Assets

| Assets: Current year 2023 - Updated on 12/10/2023 | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | |
| **Current Assets:** | | Starting | Ending | Net |
| | | | | |
| **PayPal:** | | $21,869.69 | $14,644.38 | ($7,225.31) |
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| **Cash At Bank:** | | | | |
| | | | | |
| Wells Fargo Shala Account: | A/C # *3936 | $5,911.62 | $25,765.62 | $19,854.00 |
| Wells Fargo Operating Account: | A/C # *6574 | $33,231.11 | $46,627.89 | $13,396.78 |
| Wells Fargo Savings Account: | A/C # *2582 | $147,132.37 | $142,534.05 | ($4,598.32) |
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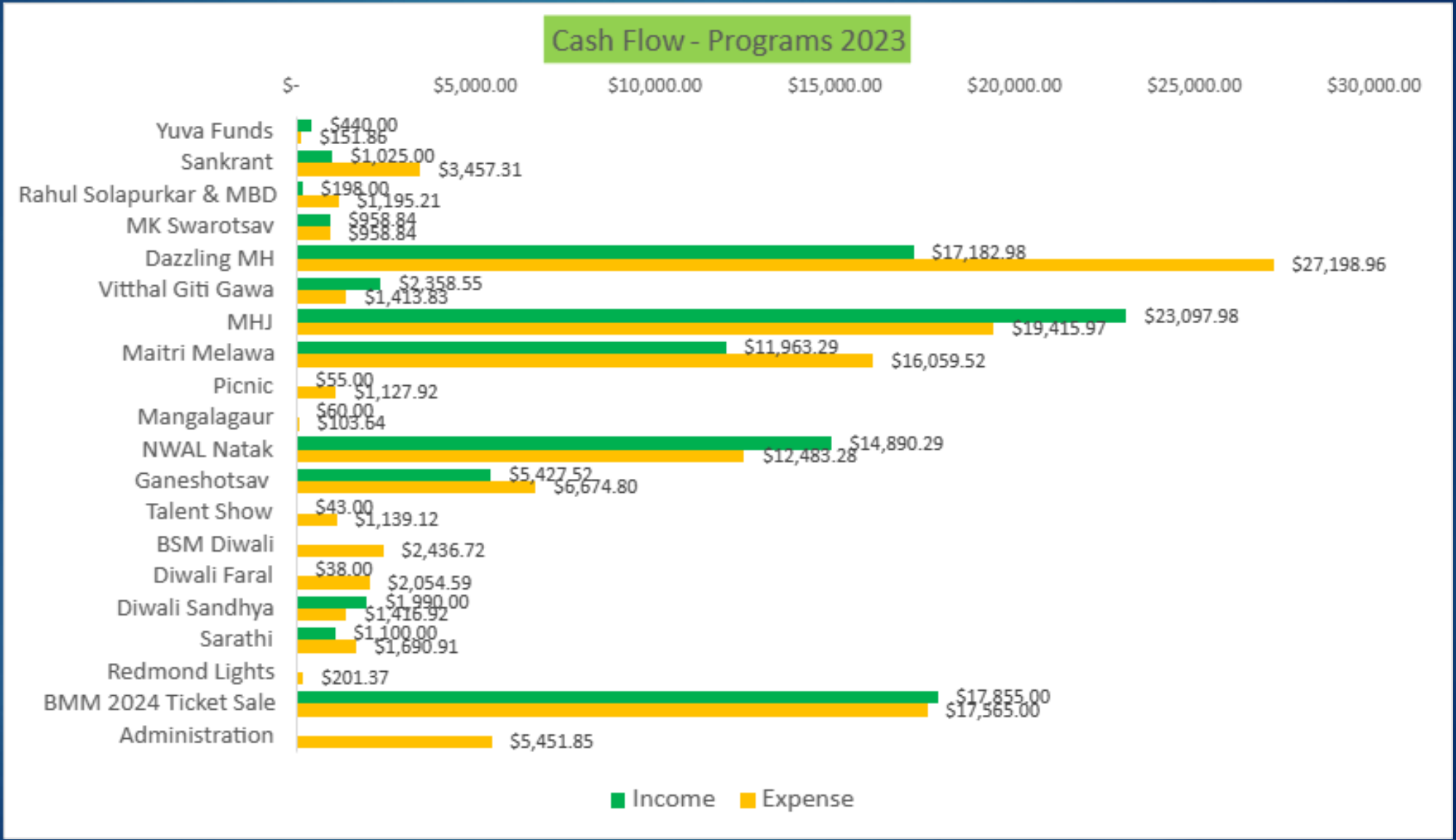
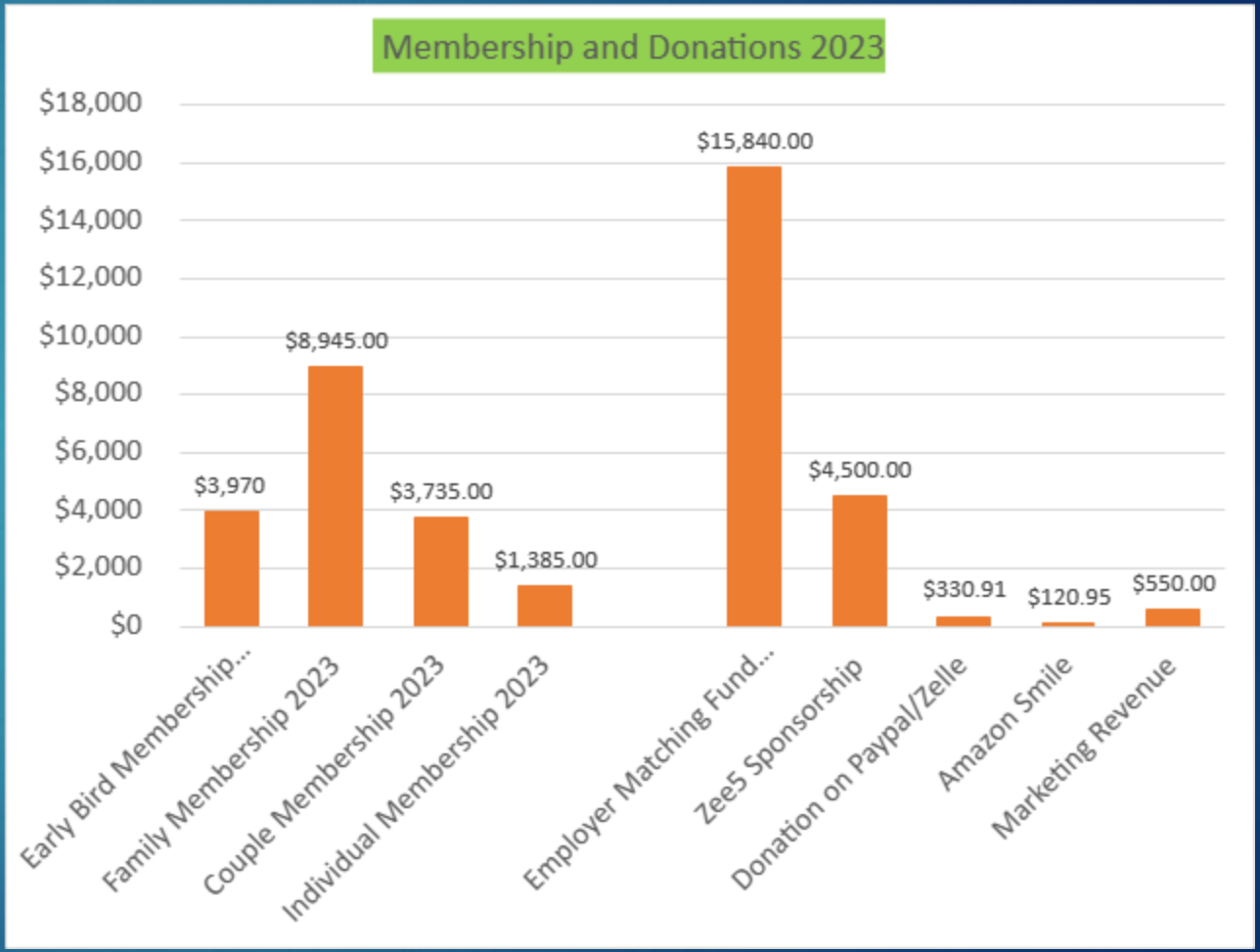
| **Total Assets:** | | **$310,782.29** | **$333,051.73** | **$22,269.44** |

# 2023 Cash Flow – Programs

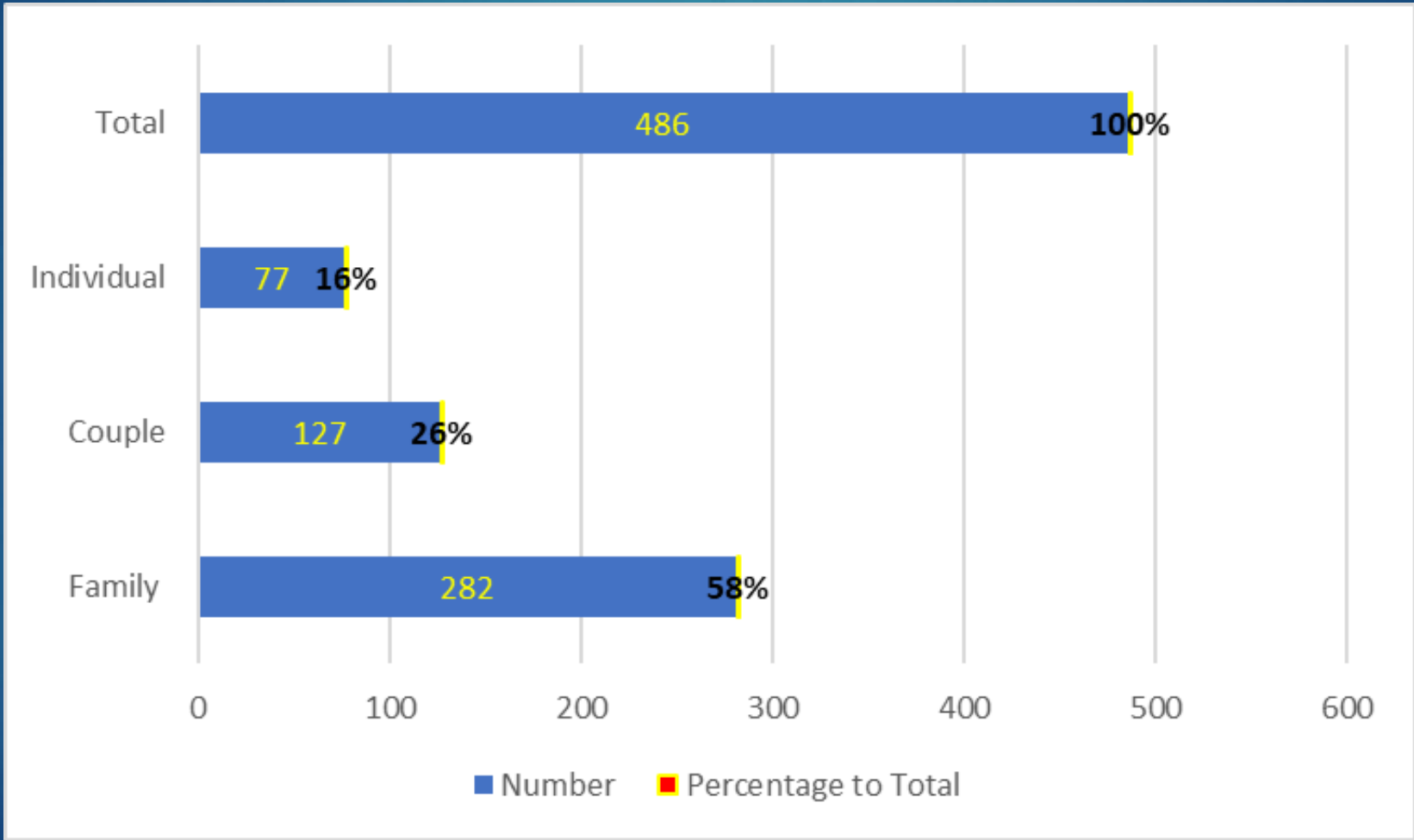


# 2022 Membership and Donations

| Details | Amount |
|---|---|
| Early Bird Membership ( from Nov-Dec 2022) | $3,970 |
| Family Membership 2023 | $8,945.00 |
| Couple Membership 2023 | $3,735.00 |
| Individual Membership 2023 | $1,385.00 |
| Employer Matching Funds (Includes funds for Shala account) | $15,840.00 |
| Zee5 Sponsorship | $4,500.00 |
| Donation on Paypal/Zelle | $330.91 |
| Amazon Smile | $120.95 |
| Marketing Revenue | $550.00 |



# Membership count by type of membership



# Photos 2023

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# Nominations Received for 2024 BOT & EC

# Nominations received for 2025 EC

**EC nominees:**

Ninad Lade
Sukhada Deodhar
Apurva Chinchwadkar
Kaustubh Duraphe
Pallavi Deshpande
Dhanesh Pradhan
Mrinmayee Patwardhan
Sushant Patil
Advait Sathe
Varsha Chaudhari
Shilpa Karve
Smita Kulkarni
Radhika Kulkarni
Deepali Jodh
Prachi Khandekar
Mrudani Chidre
Sheetal Dharia

**BOT nominee:**

- Nomination for Kailas Bhoite

# Amendment 1

- Elected EC member- avoid conflict of interest Any elected EC member , who would want to serve on SMM executive committee/ SMM office bearer , cannot hold any significant position/ office position in any other organization that has parallel or similar interest as Seattle Maharashtra Mandal . This way conflict of interest can be avoided. And the person working on Seattle Maharashtra Mandal ‘s Executive committee can do justice for the responsibility they take up in SMM .

# Amendment 2

- Upon completion of the first term of three consecutive years in good standing, the incumbent Board of Trustee is eligible for a second three-year term through election. The election for the open seat shall be done by voting on all eligible nominations received by the Executive Committee prior to a pre-stipulated date and time.
- Unlike Executive Committee nominations, the Board of Trustee nominations, including the incumbent's nomination, shall be made by another individual in the community, and not through self-nomination.
- The incumbent shall not be elected by default except, in the absence of other nominations received, and the incumbent being the sole nomination.
- Individuals from the same family shall not serve back-to-back terms, a minimum of three-year gap is required between the terms in such cases. The intent is to promote equal participation from all qualified SMM members interested in serving the community.
- Board of Trustees and EC, both should participate equally and share their updates during the periodic meeting scheduled either every 3 or 6 months.

# Amendment 3

- Every year, after a new EC is formed and roles are identified, if there are openings and all seats are not filled up in EC then EC team can request an existing member who is completing 3-year term but willing to continue for only an additional one year.
- Conditions –
- This can be implemented if more than 66% of the new EC votes for it.
- For the 4th year term extension, the same role as prior years is not guaranteed to the candidate

# Amendment 4

- ‘BMM Representative’ position related Reform.
  - BMM Representative will be an Office bearer position. Where BMM Rep will not participate in weekly meeting and annual operation of SMM EC. BMM Rep must be introduced to EC in any meeting in beginning of the year. BMM Rep must be included in BMM related events, emails, discussions. BMM Rep can be added in SMM group email and SMM WhatsApp group with OBs to communicate BMM related communication.
  - As per SMM constitution SMM President can be BMM Rep. ( limitation : when one of the SMM members is on BMM EC, this will change). This is mentioned below.
  - Voting by this person in the BMM Election will be transparent.
  - Maximum term limit is imposed on this position. The 2-year term of the BMM representative shall align with the upcoming BMM executive committee’s term & timeline

# Amendment 4 cont…

- BMM REPRESENTATIVE
  - The BMM representative shall serve as the liaison between the current SMM committee in-force and the Bruhan Maharashtra Mandal herein referred as BMM. The BMM representative shall serve as a brand ambassador for all of the SMM's initiatives to BMM and various Marathi mandals across the United States. The BMM representative shall also be responsible to communicate various initiatives and important communication from BMM time to time to the member base of SMM via the committee communication.
  - One of the important job responsibilities of the BMM representative is to cast the vote(s) in accordance with the committee as the official committee representative in the BMM bi-yearly elections for BMM's Executive Committee and Board of Trustee positions. The BMM representative shall take the inputs of the committee by a binary voting system with a tiebreaker vote from the president, if necessary, before voting for any BMM positions on behalf of SMM. He/She shall cast the vote in front of at least 3 other committee members including the SMM President electronically or on a ballot paper. If voting is done by ballot paper, then he/she shall put the ballot paper in a sealed envelope with AMM President's signature on the sealed ends of the envelope to prevent tampering. SMM Committee members can decide how this sealed envelope should be delivered to BMM Election officials – By mail or through a person that is going to attend the BMM Annual General Meeting during BMM Convention.
  - The 2-year term of the BMM representative shall align with the upcoming BMM executive committee's term & timeline, and one person shall not hold the tenure or duties of the BMM representative for more than 2 terms, a total of 4 years in succession with a lifetime maximum of 8 years (4 terms). This shall be the AMM committee position that has off-sync tenure from the current committee in force for that calendar year typically ranging the tenure from January 1st to December 31st.

# Questions?