Minutes of Meeting (MoM)*
Greater Atlanta Tamil Sangam (GATS) Date: Wednesday, January 21, 2026 Time: 9:00 PM-11:00pm

Attendees:
Anbu (Chairman), Divya, Madhu, Sankar Thangavelu, Rajarajan, Punitha, Prathiba, Peter, Sangeetha, Arul, Ganeshan

Agenda & Discussions:
1. Pongal Budget
   Sangeetha presented the proposed Pongal event budget for review and discussion.
2. 2025 Financials & Seed Money
   Divya shared the 2025 financial status, including details related to seed money(Please check thru email)

Decision made: As per current bylaw # 7.1.2.2 , after the closing of books for the fiscal year , all surplus amounts shall be deposited into an endowment account(ref email) . This amount is to be finalized and to be approved .

Sponsorships- Prathiba updated that potential sponsorships from Tanishq, and other Jewellers, Anbu is following up with Chutneys and other individuals . Hope to get sponsorship for Pongal. Encouraged everyone to talk to their network of individuals for sponsorship!

3. Pongal Program Updates
   * The President provided updates on the Pongal program planning.
Discussed : Kids care taker and crowd management during prime event time 6-8pm
   * Readiness of the GATS App and QR code process was discussed.
4. Operations Committee (OC) List
   * The President shared the OC member list.
   * It was agreed to include youth participation in the Operations Committee.
5. Other Updates
   * Updates regarding FeTNA delegates were discussed.
   * The team is planning to request an extension.
   * Further discussion on delegate selection is required.
6. Bylaw Oath & Review
   * Scheduled for Monday, from 8:30 PM to 10:00 PM, via online meeting.

Next Meeting – Proposed Discussion Items:
* Grievance handling process -Chairman to organize a meeting after Jan 31st.
* General Body (GB) meeting planning - Feb or March proposal
* Aandu Malar 2024 review
* Review and verification of 2024 tax documents for accuracy - Requested Sangeetha to verify
* 2026 Team Strategies, including: all board to input
   * Investment planning

* GATS property initiative