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### **Board of Directors Emergency Meeting Minutes Date: March 14th, 2006**

**Attendees:** Jagdish Sharma, Ravinder Aggarwal, Ashwani Bakshi, Prem Bhardwaja, Uma Ramchandra, Kamal Kharbanda, Varinder Narang, Sonia Rajvanshi, Surinder Sharma (Ex-officio)

**Absent:** Vasu P. Atluri, Vijay Sethi, Mamta Gupta, Mohini Ahuja, Snigdha Sharma

**Others Present:** Hara Misra, Raman Chibber, Ram, Simant Misra, Chandana Misra, Mohan Bhai, Arun Kanotra, Vani Vadhwa, Suchi Kohli, Amit Behl, Sandhya Rao

An emergency BOD meeting was called on 3/14/06 from 5:30 to 6:30 PM in the temple to review the decision made by the BOD on 3/12/06 regarding the status of the temporary Priest (duration of stay in the temple and the compensation to be paid were the items to be reviewed). This meeting was called subsequent to the open session forum on 3/13/06 in the temple where several devotees had expressed their concern about the temporary priest having to leave the temple premises by 3/18/06.

At the start of the meeting the ground rules of the meeting were explained. It was stated that

- 1) Each person will have 2 minutes to express their thoughts
- 2) Every one needs to be cordial and not get personal
- 3) Every body must speak in calm tone of voice because other activities were underway in the temple Puja hall
- 4) Other members should not interrupt when somebody is expressing his or her opinion
- 5) That there will be a question and answer opportunity at the end
- 6) That the meeting will stop at 6:30 sharp so every body can participate in the Puja.

Following the announcement of the guidelines people started expressing their opinions and thought processes one at a time. Dr. Hara Misra's note to Ravi was read aloud stating that the issue of temporary Pujari Murari Ji's situation should be resolved in an amicable way. In nutshell, the gist of the devotees concern was focused on the issue of Temporary Pujari (Murari Ji) as to why the Board let him go and that the Board should have given him more time to stay at the temple premises. On several occasions Mr. Raman Chibber interrupted other speakers and was politely asked to follow the guidelines presented at the start of the meeting and not interrupt the speakers. The meeting continued and several times during the meeting Mr. Raman Chibber and Mr. Surinder Sharma added to the opinions being expressed by other speakers even as they were speaking during the time allotted to them.

In brief, Every time an agenda item was brought to the floor for discussion, several observers started interrupting and as a result no rational discussion could be carried out in an environment of constant interruptions.

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At 6:30 PM or a few minutes after that two of the board members left to take care of other temple business. At that time the secretary of the BOD announced that the meeting was officially over as we had reached the pre defined time and because we did not have the quorum.

However, since several devotees still wanted to speak, the group stayed there so the inputs could be heard.

**The following paragraphs are added to the minutes of this meeting as an addendum.**

At one time when Ashwani Bakshi was speaking Mr. Raman Chibber interrupted him again and he was politely asked to let Mr. Bakshi finish. When Sonia Rajvanshi started speaking Mr. Chibber again interrupted her and started speaking in a rudely loud voice. At that moment he was again reminded several times by board member (Mr. Ravinder Aggarwal) that he needed to keep his voice down. At around 6:30 pm, when he refused to comply, the remaining board members left the room.

As attendees were standing up to leave, Mr. Raman Chibber got into an altercation and made a implied verbal threat by saying to a board member, "Let's step outside in the parking lot, I will see you" (an implied physical threat) This threat was heard by some attendees and also by few board members as well.

A few minutes after the board members walked out, Mr. Raman Chibber was standing outside the Puja hall (in the parking lot) and Mrs. Kamal Kharbanda heard him make a statement that he will bring 200 people to the temple and not let the temporary priest go, he will publish this in the newspaper and also that he had a Kirpan (a sword) in his car. This statement concerned Mrs. Kharbanda very much and she felt that he (Mr. Chibber) was trying to incite the crowd and could pose a threat for the safety of the devotees present at the temple premises.

She reported the matter to the president of the board. At that time one other devotee was sitting in the room and she felt that the matter must be reported to the police as it involved a threat.

The board members reconvened at approximately 11:05 pm (after Puja was over) and discussed this issue for sometime and then a decision was made to report the matter to the Scottsdale police. A phone call was made by the president and a complaint was filed. The officer Tina (badge# 1234) receiving the phone call took the information down and told us that an officer will call later in the evening.

A Scottsdale police officer (Officer Johnson badge# 1170) later called the president of the board and the details were provided to him by the president. A case number 031406-490 was assigned by the Scottsdale police. The officer also suggested that the board should take certain action to notify the person (Mr. Raman Chibber) in writing via a registered mail who had given the threat that due to his intrusive, aggressive and threatening behavior he is not allowed on the temple premises. This recommended action will be followed by the board shortly. The officer also stated that he will contact the person making the threat and speak with him in that regard.