

HTA Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes
May 6th, 2007 (2:18pm)

Present: Jagdish Sharma, Ravi Aggarwal, Ashwani Bakshi, Kamal Kharbanda, Asha Jain, Asha Thakur, Prem Bharadwaja, Uma Ramchandra, Varinder Narang, Anil Gupta

Others: Sandhya Rao, Preeti, Krishna Paliwal, Debashis Panda

Item 1: Approval of Meeting minutes held on April 14th, 2007

Ravi made the motion to approve the minutes of the said meeting, seconded by Ashwani Bakshi.

All agreed and motion approved.

Item 2: Formalize Murthi Sthapana Dates of Oct. 19th, 20th, and 21st 2007

Ravi proposed the Murthi Sthapana dates for the HTA to be held on October 19th, 20th, and 21st 2007. The motion was seconded by Varinder Narang.

During the discussion Prem Ji brought the issue of having a Plan B in case all the things do not fall into place as planned. Ravi suggested that Board should revisit this project in first week of September 2007 at least a month prior to the actual dates to see if everything is in place. If something is missing or circumstances become unfavorable only then we should try getting another most appropriate and auspicious dates for Murthi Sthapana sometimes in January of 2008.

The Board also considered the possibility of getting any Murthi damaged during the shipping and handling if that happens, the Board will go ahead and have the Sthapana go on for the remainder of the Murthi. And the Pran Pratishtha for that particular Murthi can be accomplished on another date.

All present in the meeting agreed on this decision.

Item 3 : Murthi Sthapana Task Force Updates:

From Kamal Ji: Kamal Ji made the motion to get approval of the Board to have the following Pandits be finalized for the Sthapana:

Pandit Vanket Krishna Shastri Ji From Florida is finalized, Shiv Nand Bhatt (Raleigh, NC) finalized, Mishra Ji from Houston, and Pandit Manoj Kumar ji have been finalized as the priests to perform the Murthi Sthapana at HTA. Motion seconded by Ashwani Bakshi, all present agreed and the motion was carried.

From Uma Ji: Uma Ji made the following motion that the following Tasks need the Board approval while the other micro tasks do not need the Board approval for the successful completion of this project:

- (a) Murthi Sthapana dates
- (b) Selection of the Priests for this project
- (c) Budget approval for this project

This motion was seconded by Ravi Aggarwal. All present agreed and the motion was approved.

Item 4: Budget Approval for the Murti Sthapana related Priests

Prem Ji made the following motion:

Air-travel: Estimated amount for air travel for all the four Priests is to be \$ 1,500

Dakshina total amount: estimated to be \$ 4,104 for all the four priests –it includes Dakshina to the Priests and donations to their respective Temples.

Uma R. seconded the motion. All agreed and motion was approved.

Item 5: New Property (3033N. Hayden Rd.) Related Updates

Asha Jain shared with the Board that we have received \$ 70,000 from the loaners as of today. Closing of the property will be taking place by this coming week (May 12th, 2007). She also said that the total commitments are worth \$ 95,000.

Prem B made the motion to authorize Asha Jain to deposit \$ 70,000 check with the Title Company for the closing of the said property.

A second motion by Prem ji:

Three separate accounts as listed below be established with the Wells Fargo Bank NA:

- (i) Regular Checking account
- (ii) Murti Sthapana Project account
- (iii) New Property (3033N.) related account

This motion was seconded by Asha Jain.

All present in the meeting agreed and the motion was approved.

Item 6: Priest Performance Evaluation:

Jagdish Sharma brought this issue to the floor and apprised the Board that a performance evaluation for the current Priest is long over due. Varinder Narang made the motion to authorize Prem B to lead the evaluation Committee and Debashis Panda and Kamal Kharbanda to assist Prem Ji in the evaluation process while this committee gets the feedback from the Board and other devotees to incorporate it into the final evaluation of the current priest.

This motion was seconded by Anil Gupta, all present agreed and the motion was approved.

Item 7: Collaboration with BEMA(Bhartya Ekta Mandir of Arizona)

Prem B shared that HTA will collaborate with BEMA and invite Pujya Shree Rameshbhai Oza to our temple. We will present a bouquet of flowers and no financial compensation will be made on his visit to our temple. More info about this event will be shared as it becomes available to Prem B.

Item 8: Puja Committee Updates:

- (a) Temple Anniversary on June 24th, 2007: Asha Jain will coordinate the event
- (b) Uma Ji brought this issue on the floor that some devotees approached her and asked her if it is allowed to have a framed picture of Shree Sai Baba be placed on the altar. After a long discussion on this issue, the Board formed a committee to

look further into it. This committee will include Asha Jain, Ashwani Bakshi and Uma Ramchandra (as Chair).

- (c) Lord Jagannath Ji Rath-Yatra: on July 22nd
- (d) Jagannath Ji Puja on July 16th, 2007
- (e) June 30th : Snana Purnima and Satyanaryan Puja
- (f) An action is required with respect to the Rath-Yatra event to seek Scottsdale City Police's help. This event will be coordinated by Dr. Govind Satpathy.
- (g) Rath-Yatra related budget: Uma R made the motion to get spending approval of \$ 2,000 that includes getting priest from outside. Prem B seconded the motion. All present in the meeting agreed and the motion was approved.
- (h) Dr. Satpathy will coordinate this Rath-Yatra event from the Board's side.

Item 9: Construction Related Updates:

Ravi shared with the Board that all construction related inspections by the City of Scottsdale have been done successfully. He will email the results of the inspections to everybody in the Board.

Item 10: Windows replacement in the Puja Hall and Kitchen:

Ravi proposed the following motion: That all windows in the Puja Hall and in the Kitchen should be replaced because some are broken and some are not matching with the rest of the windows. It will help to maintain the aesthetic appearance of the temple as well. There are total 12 windows and the cost of replacement will be \$4,000 and also to get the interior of the Puja Hall painted as well with the paint cost of \$ 1,000. Kamal Kharbanda 2nded the motion, all present in the meeting agreed and the motion was approved.

President made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:44pm, secretary thanked everybody and seconded the motion. All agreed and the motion was approved.