

Minutes of the BOD meeting held on 10/8/06

Present: Uma ramchandra, Vasu Atluri, Ravinder Aggarwal, Prem Bhardwaja, Varinder Narang, Jagdish Sharma, Kamal Kharbanda, Ashwani Bakshi

On Phone: MOhini Ahuja

Absent: Mamta Gupta, Sonia Rajvanshi, Vijay Sethi, Snigdha Sharma

Meeting started at 2:30 PM.

Agenda Item # 1—Approval of the minutes of meeting held on 9/18/06

The minutes for meeting held on 9/18/06 had been circulated a few days ago prior to the meeting on 10/8/06.

Prem Bhardwaja proposed that the cost sheets circulated in the previous meeting should be added to the minutes.

A motion was proposed by Jagdish Sharma to approve the minutes subject to the above change. The motion was seconded by AShwani Bakshi.

All present voted in favor and the motion was carried unanimously.

Agenda item # 2—HTA BOD election schedule for 2007.

It was discussed that in the last two years the elections had been held in the month of November. However, given the activity on the projects in the temple and the fact that some members of the board will be in India in early November it was suggested that the elections should be held on Dec 3rd (date shown in the calendar was Nov 12th).

A motion was proposed by Prem Bhardwaja that because of several activities going on in the temple the elections should be held on Dec 3, 2006. It was also proposed that the change in election date should be communicated prior to Nov 3rd, 2006 and the transition meeting should be planned around middle of December 2006.

The motion was seconded by Varinder Narang.

All voted in favor of the motion and the motion was carried unanimously.

Agenda Item #3—Set up nomination and election sub committee.

As per the by laws of the HTA a board member needs to be the chair person of the nomination committee. The chair person will form the nomination committee consisting of 3 to 5 people.

A motion was proposed by Jagdish Sharma to appoint Kamal Kharbanda as the chair person of the nomination committee. She was also asked to propose names of the other members of the nomination committee within two weeks.

The motion was seconded by Prem Bhardwaja.

All voted in favor of the motion and the motion was carried unanimously.

It was discussed that three members are required for the election committee and that these can not be the members of the board. Everybody was asked to send the names of the candidates to form the election committee to Varinder Narang by 10/18/06.

Agenda Item # 4—Status of project #2

Ravinder Aggarwal informed the members that the installation of two new doors was scheduled for 11/10/06. He also informed that all activities listed in project # 2 should be completed by end of November.

A discussion was held about the guidelines as to what can be placed under the mandaps by the devotees. Everybody agreed that jewellery, coins, gems, 8X11 sheet of paper with god's names can be placed under the mandap. It was also agreed that no pictures of any kind will be placed under the mandaps.

It was suggested by Ravinder Aggarwal that the temple should get some 10 gram silver coins for the event and these coins can be offered to the devotees for a nominal donation and can be placed under the mandaps. It was also suggested that since some board members were going to India to place order for the murtis and mandaps they could bring these coins with them.

It was decided to get 500 silver coins (each weighing 10 gms) made. Out of these 180 coins will be gold plated. Uma Ramchandra also proposed that 50 packets of Navratan stones should also be procured for placing them under the mandaps/murtis. A total budget of \$5,000 was approved for the coins as well as the packets of Navratan stones.

Agenda Item # 5—Status of commitment for Bala Ji Murti

Vasu informed the board that he would discuss the matter with Ashwani Bakshi and Ravinder Aggarwal and will decide on this matter after getting some financial information from the treasurer.

Agenda item # 6—Puja committee events and details.

Karva Chauth puja will be held from 4 PM to 7 PM. Mohini Ahuja and Sushma Bakshi will co ordinate the activities with the temple priest.

Rohit and Amit will co ordinate the parking arrangements for Karva Chauth.

Board was informed that one member of the puja committee was arranging Karva Chauth puja independently. It was felt that by doing so some members of the puja committee were acting against the best interest of the temple and were asking some devotees to attend Karva Chauth puja at another location and not at the temple. It was suggested that these members should be asked to follow the decision made by the puja committee. There was quite a bit of discussion about a motion to be passed by the board. Finally it was

agreed that Prem Bhardwaja will propose the wording of the motion and send the same to the members of the board.

On 10/21/06 (Diwali day) puja will be done from 7 PM to 9 PM and the temple will provide candles. Sushma Bakshi will make some sweets and the same will be distributed by Pandit ji.

On 10/22/06 normal puja will be held till 11 AM. Thereafter cultural events will take place from 11 AM to 12:30 PM. Prem Bhardwaja will contact Shukla Ji to speak for 5 minutes on this occasion (depending upon his availability).

Agenda item # 7—Calender review.

Due to the limitation of time, the Calender review was presented briefly by Jagdish Sharma on behalf of the Calendar Committee. He informed the Board that the first draft has been reviewed and sent back to the printing press with modifications/corrections. The calendar committee is waiting for the 2nd proof from the press.

Agenda item # 8—Walkway application to the city of Scottsdale.

Mohini Ahuja suggested that we should ask the city of Scottsdale to make a pedestrian cross walk in front of the temple so that people can cross the street in a safe manner.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 PM.