

Minutes of emergency meeting held on 10/12/07

An emergency board meeting was called on 10/12/07 after the murtis and mandaps were received at the temple. This meeting was called to review the condition of all the material received and to make decisions going forward.

Following were present in the meeting:

Ashwani Bakshi, Jagdish Sharma, Asha Thakur, Ravinder Aggarwal, Asha Jain, Mohini Ahuja, Dr Satapathy, Kamal Kharbanda, Varinder Narang, Anil Gupta, Prem Bhardwaja.

Others present: Krishna Paliwal

Ravinder Aggarwal informed the board members about the material that was recd in the damaged condition. For the mandaps following were recd in damaged condition:

- 1) Bala Ji mandap—1 column broken
- 2) Jagannath Ji mandap---3 columns broken. The crate was not fully opened and it is possible that all 4 columns may be broken.
- 3) Ram parivar mandap--- 2 columns broken
- 4) There was also slight damage to three of the mandaps.

Board reviewed all the available choices going forward. These included:

- 1) Postpone the sthapna—For this option following questions/concerns arose
 - a. What are the consequences of postponing the sthapna
 - b. When can we do it again-later
 - c. Will we have the energy to do it later
 - d. What happens to money spent so far.
- 2) Do not postpone—and continue with the sthapna.

Following motion was proposed by Ravinder Aggarwal and seconded by Dr Satapathy.

The board should proceed with the murti sthapna and pran prathishtha ceremony as per the original schedule.

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

Next, various options for the mandap and murti sthapna were discussed and these included the following:

- 1) Install only the murtis on the bases of the mandaps.
- 2) Install some mandaps-only those that had no damage.
- 3) Install all mandaps with necessary repairs
- 4) Install all mandaps with necessary repairs and reinforcements under the top piece so that the load can be shared by these supports and the columns.
- 5) Do not install the broken columns. Install mandaps without the broken columns.

All the above options were discussed in details and pros and cons of every option were reviewed and discussed.

In the end it was decided to install the mandaps with repaired columns and reinforcements.

Following motion was proposed by Ravinder Aggarwal and seconded by Anil Gupta.

All broken columns should be repaired and all mandaps should be installed with all columns. Additional reinforcements should be added in all mandaps to support the weight of the roof and the gumbads.

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

Polishing of the marble slab on the altar platform: Polishing of the marble slab was discussed for several minutes. Ravinder Aggarwal and Krishna Paliwal informed the board members that once the mandaps were installed the polishing of the slab will become very difficult and may even be more expensive. They suggested that polishing of the slab should be done prior to installation of the mandaps. All present agreed that if this can be done such that it did not interfere with the installation of the mandaps then the polishing can be done before the installation of the mandaps. Ravinder and Krishna agreed to find a contractor who could work on staggered schedule over the weekend to polish the marble slab. A spending of \$2400 was approved for the polishing of the marble on the altar.

Asha Jain stated at the end of the meeting that 15 volunteers were ready to come and help at the temple but did not know who to contact and where help was needed. She was informed that there was enough work throughout the day at the temple and was requested to ask the volunteers to come to the temple anytime and meet with people working at the temple and start helping.

The meeting was adjourned around 5:30 PM.