



**HTA BOD's Meeting Minutes held on Nov. 25th, 2007
(2:50pm)**

Present: Jagdish Sharma, Anil Gupta, Ravinder Aggarwal, Asha Jain, Uma Ramchandra, Ashwani Bakshi, Prem Bhardwaja, Mohini Ahuja (via phone)

Absent: Vasu Atluri, Kamal Kharbanda, Varinder Narang, Deepak Malhotra, Asha Thakur, Snigdha Sharma, Dr. Govind Satapathy

AGENDA ITEM 1: Approval of meeting minutes dated June 17th, Oct. 21st, & Nov. 4th, 2007:

Ashwani made the motion to approve these meeting minutes with minor changes (in Nov. 4th meeting minutes only) by Ravi Aggarwal. Seconded by Ravi Aggarwal, all agreed and the motion was carried.

AGENDA ITEM 2: Election Day Schedule/Format (Dec. 9th, 2007)

10:30AM-11:40AM- Lord Jagannath Ji Puja followed by Bhajans & Aarti.

11:40am-12:00 noon-Quorum Counting

12:00-12:10-Program schedule announcements

12:10-12:30-Complete Nomination process

12:30-12:40-Voting Preparations

12:40-1:30-Voting

1:30-2:15-Annual General Body Meeting & Reporting (Open Discussion Format)

2:15pm- Election Results Announcements

Ravi made the motion to the above schedule seconded by Asha Jain, all agreed and the motion was carried.

AGENDA ITEM 3: Outstanding Dues from Devotees:

Mohini Ahuja will prepare a final list of all those HTA devotees who pledged any donations in the past but have not donated to the Temple yet. Asha Jain and Ashwani Bakshi will assist to make contacts with those devotees and remind them of their pledges and outstanding dues.

AGENDA ITEM 4: Placement of Shri Satya Narayan Ji Murti on the Altar:

Asha Jain brought this issue to the floor for a lengthy discussion on the subject. It must be borne in mind that this issue has been discussed before and based on the previously recorded Board Minutes (see archival minutes of 2006 and 2007), Ravi made the following motion:

The murti of Sh. Satyanarayan Ji should not be placed on the Altar permanently, but rather be placed in front of the Altar temporarily whenever there is Shri Satyanarayan Ji Puja being performed . This motion should also be applicable to any other temporarily placed murtis (of any deity) in front of the Altar. At the end of each respective puja, these temporarily placed murtis must be taken back and put in a safe and secure place. The Board understands that even though an utmost care will be used to move these murtis ,there may be a chance that an accident may happen and damage the murti. In that situation the Temple administration will not hold the Priest or any devotee (who is moving the Murti) responsible for the damages.

Motion was seconded by Ashwani Bakshi, Prem Bhardwaja abstained, all other board members agreed with the motion and it was carried.

AGENDA ITEM 5: Temple Hours(Updated schedule)

Mon-Fri	8:am-1:00pm	4:00pm-8:00pm
Saturday & Sunday	8:00am-2:00pm	4:00pm-8:00pm

- ❖ A Regular Morning Serv-Devta Puja will be performed on Everyday from 8AM-10:30AM
- ❖ Sunday Puja Schedule Serv-Devta from 8AM-10:30AM
- ❖ 10:30 AM-11:00AM Sponsored Puja- Devotees may request for this sponsored Puja during this Time slot (Sponsorship charges will apply)
- ❖ 11:00am to 12:30pm- Abhishekam, Shodashopchar followed by Pravachans, Bhajans & Aarti (This applies to all Sunday Pujas)
- ❖ 1st Sunday of the Month: Ram Parivar Puja
- ❖ 2nd Sunday of the Month: Jagannath Ji Puja
- ❖ 3rd Sunday of the Month: Bala Ji-Krishan Ji Puja
- ❖ 4th Sunday of the Month: Shiv Ji Puja
- ❖ 5th Sunday of the Month: Serv-Devta Puja
- ❖ There will be Two Aartis performed Everyday: 12:00 noon Then 6:30pm
- ❖ ALTAR CURTAIN CLOSING TIMINGS: Curtain remains open during the Temple Hours

Uma Ji made the motion to approve the above format and seconded by Ashwani Bakshi. All agreed and the motion was carried.

AGENDA ITEM 6: Puja Committee Updates:

Uma ji shared and provided updated info about the upcoming events. Shri SatyaNarayan Ji special Puja will be held on December 23rd, 2007.

The Board unanimously agreed to place the following deities' posters/pictures in the space between the Puja Hall Window areas:

(1) Mata Lakshami Ji (2) Mata Saraswati Ji (3) Shri SatayaNarayan Ji (4) Hanuman Ji
Uma ji also made the Board aware of her idea to re-decorate Bala Ji's murti with new make up ,jewellery and vastars(clothing).

AGENDA ITEM 7: New Property Related Personal Loans:

Asha Jain updated the Board based on the current financial records of the HTA that the Temple is in very good financial condition where we should feel comfortable returning partial amounts of the personal loans to those devotees who helped the Temple in purchasing the new property located at 3033N. Hayden rd.

Asha Jain made the following motion:

Pay off 25% of all the personal loans pertaining to the new property(at 3033N. Hayden Rd.). The following is the list of those recipients:

(a) Kamal Kharbanda (b) Varinder Narang (c) Ravi Aggarwal (d) Munnu Bajpai
(e) Bajrang Aggarwal

Ravi Aggarwal made the following changes in the original motion by adding that:

“The Board must maintain (factor into) at least three months of operating expanses in the bank account.”

Jagdish Sharma seconded the updated motion, all agreed and the motion was carried.

AGENDA ITEM 8: Financial Reporting during AGM Dec. 9th, 2007:

Mohini ji will contact another HTA member to have him/her review the updated fancial reports that will be presented by her during the upcoming General Body Meeting scheduled to be on December 9th, 2007.

AGENDA ITEM 9: Free Puja for HTA Donors:

This item was tabled and will be discussed at a later scheduled meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 10: Men's Singing Group associated with Jala Ram Ji:

Ashwani Bakshi brought this issue to the floor for discussion based on a request by Men's singing Group associated with Jala Ram Ji. This group is requesting the HTA

Administration to allow them to use the Puja Hall for reciting the bhajans on certain days of the week. Motion was made by Ashwani and seconded by Ravi.

After discussion it was mutually agreed by all the members present during this meeting that the permission is grant with the following conditions:

- ❖ They may bring any Hindu religion Deity's murti but they may not put it on the Altar.
- ❖ They will not be allowed to make any announcements or create any interference regarding any affairs pertaining to HTA.
- ❖ They must leave the Temple premises in a neat and cleanly fashion.
- ❖ They must pre-empt their programs in order to accommodate any HTA event that may be taking place.