

Minutes of the BOD of HTA meeting held on July 20, 2008

Present: Prakash Sahoo, Deepak Malhotra, Mina Bhagdev, Krishna Paliwal (on the phone), Uma Ramchandra, Govind Sathpathy (on the phone), Dilip Parekh, Asha Jain and Ravinder Aggarwal

Absent: Vasu Atluri, Asha Thakur, Subhash Arora, Anil Gupta, Ashwani Bakshi and Desh Ahuja

Others: Nirmala Chhibber.

Agenda: Attached

Meeting was called to order by the President (Ravi Aggarwal) at 2:30 PM.

The agenda was modified to add the following 1 item by the board members.

- Priest role in preparing puja hall prior to Puja
1. Approval of the agenda: Motion was made by Ravinder Aggarwal to accept the agenda with exception to item number 3 and was seconded by Mina Bhagdev. It was carried unanimously.
 2. Approval of the minutes of the meeting held on May 18, 2008: Motion was made by Ravinder Aggarwal to approve the minutes and was seconded by Deepak Malhotra. It was carried unanimously.
 3. Treasurer Report: not discussed since Anil Gupta was not present and Deepak Malhotra did not have all the details.
 4. Follow up from last meeting:
 - Ravinder Aggarwal to contact insurance company regarding damage to mandap during shipment. Ravinder Aggarwal stated that he had discussed the damage issue with the supplier (Pandey Exports) and they had advised him to take up the matter with the insurance company. Since the damaged columns had already been repaired and used he did not think that the insurance company will entertain the claims anymore and it was agreed that the action should be closed.
 - Refinance of the temple mortgage (completed) with Wells Fargo bank, zero closing cost and saving of approx. \$280/month, first payment was June 15, 2008
 5. Resignation of Krishan Paliwal and his replacement: item not discussed.
 6. Construction and maintenance committee update: As per Ravinder Aggarwal, construction of Kitchen room is completed, main temple room roof has been replaced along with both A/C units. Uma Ramchandra suggested remodeling the main temple entrance hallway before Jamnastami event. Dilip Parekh said he knows someone who could get the tile work done for a nominal cost. Upon everyone's approval, a motion

was made by Uma Ramchandra to approve a budget and expenditure of \$1500.00 to remodel and install tile at temple entrance hall and was seconded by Prakash Sahoo. It was carried unanimously.

7. Motion was made by Asha Jain to approve \$15000.00 for expenses for renovation of garage that includes framing, sheet rock, electrical wiring, lights, fans and three window A/C units and was seconded by Dilip Parekh. It was carried unanimously. Mina Bhagdev suggested having termite treatment done prior to remodeling of garage and Asha Jain suggested installing racks for storage of paper products.
8. As per Ravinder Aggarwal sewer drain for second property is known however for main temple property it is unknown at this time. Krishna Paliwal advised not connecting Shiv Linga drain to second property as it might create issues with city in future. It was decided to hold this project at this time until information on sewer drain is available.
9. Motion was made by Ravinder Aggarwal to approve \$5600.00 (not exceeding) for expenses to put concrete in the back of the two buildings on 3033 N Hayden Rd, total 1400 sq. feet and was seconded by Krishna Paliwal. It was carried unanimously.
10. Motion was made by Mina Bhagdev to approve \$3700.00 for expenses to fix shingles over garage and was second by Dilip Parekh. It was carried unanimously. Mina Bhagdev suggested having roof work done first then concrete work.
11. Outside Puja and Dakshina, define guidelines for pundit jis to follow: Ravinder Aggarwal will talk to Varinder Narang and will form a four-member committee to come up with guidelines for pundit jis to follow. Everybody agreed dakshina amount should be at the discretion of devotee.
12. Motion was made by Asha Jain to approve submitting city of Scottsdale new temple plan (application) and application processing cost around \$10,000.00 over one year time frame and was second by Ravinder Aggarwal. It was carried unanimously. Krishna Paliwal will send all pros and cons of creating a drain system for Balaji Abhishek at the current location. It will be discussed in the next special BOD meeting. It was suggested to call for a special BOD meeting to discuss only placement of Satyanarayan ji/Padmavati ji idol and Balaji Abhishek. It was also suggested to call last two to three years' presidents to the meeting for their input on this issue. Prakash Sahoo will send an e-mail to set up meeting date and time.
13. Shiv Puran Katha: dates of discourse from 2nd August to 6th August, 08. Deepak Malhotra and Ravinder Aggarwal will coordinate the event. Mina Bhagdev will coordinate sponsorship of Prasad for 4th August, need to find sponsorship for 2nd and 6th of August. Puja committee update: August 24th, 08 temple will celebrate Janamashtami. Mina Bhagdev will take charge of cultural program and Dilip Parekh will take charge of event. 4.00 pm to 6.00 pm Bhajans, 6.00 pm to 8.30 pm cultural programs and Bhajans, 8.30 to 9.30 Prasad, 9.30 to 12.00 midnight Bhajans and 12.00 midnight prasad.

14. Kitchen cleaning after every major events: Some devotees are complaining about kitchen being dirty and it is too much to clean after major events such as Satyanaranji puja and Mata Jagaran puja etc. It was decided and everybody agreed that cleaning people will clean the kitchen and puja hall after every major event, Currently they are cleaning for Tuesday and Sunday pujas and they charge \$85.00 for each cleaning. As per Nirmala Chhibber she has already talked to the cleaning people and they have agreed to clean the kitchen for other major events (except Tuesday and Sunday pujas) at the cost of \$50.00. She will talk to them again and confirm the same.
15. Ratha Yatra income VS expenditure: accurate income and expenditure amount is not available at this time. As per Prakash Sahoo, approx. income is around \$2500 and expenditure around \$1200. Govind Satpathy will provide details for income/expenditure in next meeting. Prakash Sahoo told the board that Oriya community did not like three people doing “cherra pahara”. Ravinder Aggarwal acknowledged this and confirmed that this will be kept in mind in future.
16. Other items: Priest role in preparing puja hall prior to Puja: It was decided that priest should spread and remove chadders in the puja hall for all pujas. All devotees are encouraged to help panditjis in preparing the puja hall.
17. Closure: Ravinder Aggarwal made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Deepak Malhotra. The meeting adjourned at 6.00 PM.