

## Minutes of meeting held on 7/4/21

### **Following were present in the meeting:**

Dr. Harnath Singh, Chander Sethi, Ravinder Aggarwal, Punit Garg, Kamal Minocha, Surinder Khurana , Meenakshi Verma, Manju Sharma, Uttam Behra

Others present: Rina Narang, Varinder Narang ( for part of the meeting)

Meeting started at 1:45 PM after the quorum was reached.

### **Approval of the agenda**

Ravinder Aggarwal (RA) asked the board members if anybody wanted to add any item to the published agenda. No additions were made. RA then asked the board to approve the agenda. The agenda was approved unanimously. Proposed by RA, seconded by HS.

### **Agenda item 1: Update by Rina Narang and Varinder Narang regarding status of the case:**

One of the board members had requested sometime back that Rina Ji and Varinder should provide an update of the status of the case to the board. With that request in mind the secretary called this board meeting and invited Rina Ji ( RN) and Vartinder Narang (VN) to provide a status update to the board. Both, RN and VN , were advised to get approval from the attorney with respect to the following:

- 1) That it was OK to provide status of the litigation to the board
- 2) The material to be presented to the board was OK and that there were no legal issues with that presentation.

VN/RN confirmed that the material of the presentation was reviewed and approved by the attorney. The attorney also confirmed that it was ok to provide a status update to the board.

The secretary advised the board members that there should be no recording of the proceedings. He then invited VN/RN to make the presentation and give status update.

VN provided status update on behalf of both. He also stressed at the start of the meeting that there should be no recording of the proceedings as the case was still in process.

VN explained that there were some attempts to reach a settlement between the parties but the settlement could not be reached. He also stated that the plaintiff's attorney had conveyed revised demands to the defendant's attorney on more than one occasion and the settlement agreement could not be signed because of these changing demands. VN also stated that some members of the community had also made attempts to mediate in an effort to see if an out of court settlement could be reached but were not successful in their attempts. Latest status is that the case has moved into discovery phase.

VN was asked to send a copy of his presentation (notes) to the board secretary for records.

### **Agenda item 2: When can we open temple without COVID restrictions:**

Some devotees had asked as to when the temple could be opened without COVID restrictions. Each board member present was asked to give his opinion on this matter. After hearing everyone's opinion the conclusion was that:

- a) We should wait for some more time and monitor the status of COVID situation periodically. The Delta variants were also of concern. If in future it is determined that situation is safe the temple will be opened without COVID restrictions.
- b) Even at present the temple is open daily with some restrictions with respect to COVID guidelines. So if somebody wants to visit the temple that is still possible so long as the posted guidelines are followed.

### **Agenda item 3: Laminated glass Vs shutters on temple doors for additional safety**

RA informed the board that we should proactively take safety measures to prevent any untoward incident at the temple.

He informed that RA had recd a quote to install laminated glass on all 6 doors. The cost would be \$350X6 = \$ 2100 for the glass plus \$ 150 for the installation.

One person had quoted a price of \$ 2100 for each shutter, Total cost for three double doors would be \$ 6300. This person had not visited the temple premises to look at the scope of work but had provided the quote based on the size of the door given to him.

RA will ask this person to visit the temple and provide a more accurate cost.

**Manju Sharma (MS) stated that we can also install chain gates. She will get a quote for the same and send the information to the board.**

It has been several months since this issue was raised in the board meeting. It is imperative in my opinion (RA) that we should finalize what should be done and take action accordingly ASAP. We already have seen three incidents at the temple and can not delay action any further.

### **Agenda item 4-Mortgage payoff update by Chander Sethi**

The plan was to get an update from the treasurer about funds recd so far and when the promissory notes would be sent to those who have given money to HTA. Chander Sethi's voice could not be heard so this item was not discussed.

**The secretary will request CS to send e mail to all the board members.**

### **Agenda item 5:--Outside painting of puja hall**

RA informed the board that three quotes had been recd for outside painting.

Two were from professional painters. One came in at \$ 5200 and the other came in at \$ 4200.

A third quote was recd from a handyman and it was appx \$3000 (it would probably be less than that as the exact cost of paint and supplies is not known).

Scope of work is same in all cases.

Motion was proposed by Punit Garg and seconded by Dr Harnath Singh to approve a budget of \$ 3000 for painting the outside of the puja hall using the handyman. All present voted in favor and the motion was approved.

Manju Sharma suggested that she can also get a quote from one painter. She will send the cost information to the board. If this quote is higher than \$3000 or if this quote is not recd in a reasonable timeframe we can proceed with the painting using the handyman.

RA asked about the shade of paint to be used. Punit Garg, RA and Kamal Minocha will look at some houses and finalize the color of paint. If somebody else wishes to join them they can meet them at the temple at 10 AM on 7/5/21.

### **Agenda item 6:**

#### **Location of Havan Kund**

PG, RA and KM will meet at the temple on 7/5/21 at 10 AM and review the options. Anybody else who wants to be involved can meet them and be part of the team.

#### **Help with Cleaning Lady**

HTA is still looking for a cleaning lady to clean Puja hall, kitchen, Dining area, and rest rooms once a week.

**MS will check with somebody she knows and inform the board.**

#### **Any help needed with Rath Yatra**

PG asked Uttam if any help was needed with Rath Yatra. The answer was not audible.

**PG to check with Uttam and inform the board.**

#### **Cleaning of the temple premises**

PG informed the board that some devotee had complained to him that the area near the havan kund was not very clean and that is why they prefer to go to Ekta mandir.

RA suggested that instead of waiting for the volunteers ( It takes long tyime plus it is too hot) we should get somebody to throw all the stuff lying around in the dumpster. PG and RA will review the situation at 10 AM on 7/5/21 and identify what all needs to be thrown away. After that somebody will be hired to clean the premises.

**Motion was made by RA to close the meeting and seconded by PG. Meeting was closed at 2:50 PM.**