

## Minutes of HTA Board meeting held on 8/22/22

**Present:** Dr Harnath Singh (HS), Ravinder Aggarwal (RA), Chander Sethi (CS), Manju Walia (MW), Dilip Chakravarty (DC), Menakshi Verma (MV), Kamal Minocha (KM). Gaurav Sharma (GS), Ashok Verma (AV), Surinder Khurana (SK), Arvind Kumar (AK)

Meeting started at 7:10 PM after the quorum was reached.

### **Agenda:**

#### **1) Organize Vishal Mata Jagran in the temple:**

All present agreed that a Mata Jagran should be held at the temple on 10/29/22. MW confirmed that the artists are available to come to Phoenix for this program. RA confirmed that there is no other program in the temple on this date. All present agreed to hold Vishal Mata Jagran in the temple on this date.

MW and MV will be the event coordinators.

Prasad will be prepared in the temple and MW and MV will coordinate that effort.

A motion was proposed to approve a budget of \$ 5000 for the event to cover cost of travel, hotel and payment to the artists for this event. Proposed by HS and seconded by CS. All present were in favor and the budget was approved.

High level breakdown of expenses is as under

Airline tickets for 4 people.

Payment to Mr Kartar Singh --\$1100 (His wife will play the keyboard but does not charge anything).

Each musician (total 2) to be paid \$ 400.

Will need to book two hotel rooms.

MW will get a flier prepared and the same will be published in the paper after approval by the board.

MW will find out from the artists as to where they will be coming from. After the details are confirmed the air tickets and the hotel can be booked. If the hotel cost is not too high the artists can travel on 29<sup>th</sup> Oct to come to Phoenix so that only one night hotel is required to be booked.

MW and MV will take care of making arrangements for flights, hotel and food etc for the artists.

Donation for Jajmans will be \$251. A puja will be held in the temple from 7:30 to 8:30 ( for those paying \$251 or more) . Only those devotees paying \$251 or more will participate in this puja.

SK stated that even those paying \$101 should be allowed to participate in the puja. RA concurred with SK and stated that the event should be inclusive and it will be good to have those paying \$101 also participate in the puja. After much discussion it was decided by the board that only those paying \$251 or more will participate in this puja.

Event timings will be 7:00 PM to 4:00 AM.

**RA stated that it is very important to ensure that sanctity of the temple should be maintained and nobody should consume alcohol for the event. MW will confirm with the artists that nobody will come to the temple after consuming alcohol and confirm to the board.**

**Prasad will be served in the temple at 7 PM for 150 people. After the event prasad and tea will be served around 4 AM for 50 people.**

250 colored fliers will be printed. Each board member will try to print a few.

A banner will be made and put up in the temple (RA and AK).

#### **Agenda item 2—Upcoming AGM:**

RA proposed the name of Gaurav Sharma as the Nomination Committee chair for the AGM on Dec 11, 2022. Seconded by CS. All present were in favor. GS accepted the nomination and will be the chair person of the nomination committee.

RA asked the board members to approve (or send comments if needed) on the nomination form and the proxy form that he had sent out to the entire board a few days ago. Once approved they can be posted on the HTA website and the notice board in the temple. The AGM will be held on Zoom.

RA proposed to get a bigger murti of Bal Gopal for abhishek on Janamashtami. All present were in favor. RA will look into getting a bigger, metal murti of Bal Gopal.

RA suggested that the spreads that we use in the temple for people to sit on do not look very good and that we should get new spreads. Total cost is likely to be around \$400. All present were in favor and RA will look into identifying/buying suitable replacements.

Meeting was closed at 8:10 PM.

Ravinder Aggarwal

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