

Jain Center of America

Minutes of the Meeting of the General Body

Sunday, December 21, 2008

Meeting was called to order by Chairman

Meeting started with the Prayer

Chairman Jawahar Shetti welcomed and thanked all members for attending the meeting, read the rules of the meeting, gave brief overview of the meeting's agenda.

Meeting started at 2:15 PM, however in the absence of quorum, discussion of the items on agenda of the meeting was deferred until 2:45 pm

General body meeting commenced at December 21, 2008 2:45 PM sharp at Ithaca street temple with following agenda:

- 1 JCA Activities Report: Chairman/President
- 2 Annual Report: Secretary/Administration
- 3 Financial Statement for 2007: Comptroller/Treasurer
- 4 Budget for year 2009 for approval by the General Body: CFO
- 5 Discussion for Shri Ashtapadji Pratishtha Mahotsav in 2009, Varsitap and Parna in 2009
- 6 Lake Success Status Report and Discussion

I. JCA Activities Report by Chairman:

- Mr. Jawahar Shetti thanked all the members for their unity and dedicated work to build the center progress forward and briefly gave the progress made at the center
- Current Executive committee's term is ending. He informed that election for the next executive committee will be held in March/April 2009. Election committee/Election commissioner has been appointed to start the process. Internal Audit process has also been started
- Mr. Jawahar Shetti provided recap of various major activities/progress made during his administration and stated that general membership has increased from 600 to 1000 and youth participation and Bhojanshala usage has increased. He also noted that temple's financial conditions are sound and all bank accounts are covered with FDIC protection.

- He also noted that senior citizen activities, youth participation, bhojanshala usage has increased substantially and lot of activities are being conducted at the temple and all 5 traditions are participating united in various activities at temple.
- He thanked members of outgoing Executive Committee and Board of Trustees for their help and support during 3 years of his tenure. He thanked President Jaymik Shah for the success of Mahavir Jayanti/Paryushan/Das Lakshan Programs.
- He thanked the following for their work and assistance at the center:
 - Bhojanshala Committee for their diligent work and praised Sureshbhai Shah and his team for well run bhojanshala throughout the year
 - Nareshbhai Shah for his religious guidance at the center
- He stated that collection of outstanding Prathista bollie was going very well
- Regarding the sale of the 74th St. property, we have signed contract from Mr. Kushal Sacheti and the sale will be finalized after receiving final approval from NY state attorney General's office.
- He also mentioned that the Constitution was amended per December 2007 General body. Code of Conduct and Operation Policies for Ithaca Street Temple were made part of the constitution on October 19, 2008 General body meeting.

II. JCA Activities Report by President:

Mr. Jaymik Shah thanked all members and his executive committee for the work they have done over the past year. He mentioned that Shri Ashthapadji is expected to arrive at Ithaca Street sometime in early 2009. He reflected on highlights of activities, visits by many scholars and participations by all members with lot of enthusiasm during his tenure and thanked for allowing him to serve the temple.

III. Annual Report by Secretary/ Administrator:

Mr. Sanjay Pandya, Secretary and Administrator Mrs. Ulka Kothari thanked general members and commented on encouraging youth participation in JCA mission at large.

- He informed that December 16th 2007 and October 19, 2008 General body meeting notes were posted on JCA website and also distributed in this meeting. Board of Trustees have approved these minutes and are requesting approval of the General body. Motion was made for approval of these minutes.
- Approval was granted with all present members voting to approve.

IV. Shri Ashthapadji

- a) Mr. Jawahar Shetti informed that exhibition in Ahmedabad has been cancelled
- b) He stated that idols are ready and will be shipped at the end of Jan'09 and they will arrive in NY by March'09. Installation at Ithaca street temple will complete by end of April
- c) Discussion and general member's opinion was requested for performing mountain Abhishek/idol Abhishek in India. Two venues were being discussed either at Palitana or Mumbai under the auspicious guidance of Pujyashri Nay Padmsagarji Maharaj Sahib. Most members felt that Abhishek should be conducted at Palitana given the significance of the occasion. The final decision was deferred for further discussion among Board of Trustees to finalize logistics and other arrangements.

V. Lake Success

- a) Chairman Jawahar Shetti informed that he has resigned from Lake Success Working Committee as of November 2008 and going forward all activities will be solely looked after by Dr. Mukhtyar and Mr. Rajni Gandhi. He also clarified about some false rumors and talk that he does not support the project. He has spent lot of time on the project and has no reason not to support any Bhagwan's place of worship.
- b) He also informed that he does not have latest status as Dr. Mukhtyar was traveling to India and Mr. Rajni Gandhi was not present in the general body meeting and committee has not sent any status report to BOT.
- c) He stated, as per his knowledge May 2008 report/comment was submitted to Lake success Village. Village sent their response on August 2008 and then there was a tele conference between JCA, JCA engineers and JCA lawyer as to how to respond to the Village consultants' questions on FEIS.
- d) Many general members commented on lack of progress and lack of awareness on Lake Success project status. Everyone felt that not much progress is being made and BOT is not receiving detailed progress report from the working committee. It was suggested that more general members should be added to Lake Success Planning committee.
- e) After discussion it was agreed to add 5 members to Lake success committee, it was further agreed that JCA BOT will try to select 1 member each from each tradition, if qualified members not available BOT can fill the vacancies as per availability.
- f) Question was by member about availability/year marking of construction funds for Lake Success temple once Village approves. Chairman Jawahar Shetti explained once the Village approves plan, BOT will get estimated cost of the project and it will be presented and discussed in the general body for further discussion and further decisions regarding project

VI. Financial Statement for 2008:

Mr. Jawahar Shetti thanked Mr. K. K. Mehta for reviewing financial statements; the copy of the statement was distributed and posted on the JCA website. He thanked Amit Shah and Ashok Sancheti for their time and effort for JCA. Mr. Ashok Sancheti and Mr. Amit Shah will present the financial statement for 2008.

VII. Annual Report of Financial Statement for 2007 by Treasure and Comptroller:

- Mr. Ashok Sancheti spoke about the current financial status of JCA. Financially the JCA is very sound; there are total of \$1.46 million funds in the bank and maintenance fund account. He also mentioned that all JCA deposits are FDIC insured
- Mr. Amit Shah using PowerPoint presentation showed a report compilation from CPA, he explained all the various categories of income and expenses in the statement of 2007 including liabilities and asset statements. JCA accounting is on Cash Basis
- Request was made from general members to include footnote listing receivable and total outstanding pledges in the financials going forward.

Mr. Jawahar Shetti thanked all members for coming to the meeting.

Jai Jinendra

The meeting was concluded at about 6.30 PM