

Minutes of the General Body Meeting: April 29, 2007

Jain Society of Greater Cleveland (JSGC) held a General Body Meeting (GBM) of its members starting at 5:00 PM on April 29, 2007, following Mahavir Jayanti snatra pooja at the Brecksville Community Center, in Brecksville, Ohio.

Ashwin Turakhia (President) called the General Body Meeting to order at 5:00 PM. 70+ members were present and per the JSGC Code of Regulations the GBM started.

- Eight of the nine Board of Trustees namely – Ashwin Turakhia (President), Ravi Jain (Vice President), Mayuri Dalia (Treasurer), Kamna Jain (Secretary), Anil Jain, Pramod Jain, Mayurika Shah and Neha Shah -were present.
- The minutes of the previous General Body Meeting held on 11/19/2006, which had been available on the JSGC website, were unanimously approved by members by voice vote.
- Ashwin Turakhia made a few announcements:
 1. Members can opt out of receiving a paper copy of the Jain Times. They can send an email to the secretary or fill their name on the paper outside the meeting.
 2. If there is any change of address notification, please notify the secretary.
 3. Thanks to Pravinbhai Shah, and Vinodabhen for the musical accompaniment for the pooja.
 4. The program with Dhirajbhai Pandit had incorrect dates in the Jain Times. He will be here from June 15 - 21.
- Ashwin Turakhia remembered the Virginia Tech shooting victims and expressed our condolences. JAINA sent a letter to the president of Virginia Tech expressing those sentiments. A moment of silence was conducted.
- Ashwin Turakhia turned the meeting over to Kushal Baid for a temple update. Kushal Baid introduced Eric Flickinger, the wetland consultant. Kushal Baid gave an update about the progress since the last general body meeting. He reported the progress that has taken place since 11-19-06.
- Eric Flickinger discussed that the Army Corps of Engineers had walked the grounds in November 2006 and at that time had agreed to a wetland delineation. The Army Corps of Engineers has delayed granting a permit. There is also a wetland issue with the Indiana bat. There is a possible roosting spot for the Indiana bat in some trees. Because of this, the Fish and Wildlife Service needed to be involved and required all trees to be cut down before April 15. Those trees were cut down. However, they also require a mist net survey to be done to assure that no Indiana Bats are in the area. The cost of this survey will be approximately \$3000 - \$8000 depending on the company. Eric Flickinger, the wetland consultant said it should be on the lower side.
- The floor was then opened for questions.
- Chandra Jain asked what a wetland means. Eric Flickinger answered 1) that the vegetation grows in saturated soil, 2) the vegetation is inundated with water and 3) the wetland hydrobiology has to exist 15% of the growing

season. He added that on this property we were able to minimize the wetlands.

- A person who did not identify himself asked, if the trees could be moved. The answer was no because the Indiana bats need specific trees.
- Another person asked if the auditor will be happy with the progress. The answer was yes.
- Arun Shah asked why is the roosting spot only being discovered at this time. Eric answered that there has been a change in Fish and Wildlife service. Our permits show cooperation and mitigation is approved. We had to purchase mitigation land at \$20,000 per acre and had to send 10% down. We had one acre credit and will close on the balance.
- Kushal Baid explained that we have received approval from the Ohio EPA sanitary system from Summit County Engineers and from the Ohio EPA for water well location.
- He added that the layouts are almost complete. The electrical, mechanical design contract has been awarded. The finance committee continues to work. We have over \$40,000 in new commitments since November 2006. Of that \$17,501 are eligible for matching pledge commitments. The drawings were discussed. The plans are pretty much final.
- Hansabhen Sutaria discussed the ghabara committee's updates. The ghabara will be made up of marble. The rangmandap will be 27' by 47', the floor made of marble. Specifics of the plan were discussed.
- Someone asked what a chobhi is. Hansabhen answered there are three entrances, one at the front and two on the sides. The entrance that is covered with a marble dome is a chokhi.
- Someone asked if the marble would be okay in the snow. The answer was that the construction committee handling that said that should be okay.
- Ravi Mehta questioned why there was no vestibule in the front of the hall as this will be a cold area in the winter. The answer was there is a covered area, there vestibule has not been planned for the service area. If we need a vestibule in the service area, we will have to move the porch out and there will be a lot of changes.
- Kushal Baid discussed the financial status and commitments and well as money still needed. He also said that the target is near term timeline. But he cautioned that things are changing all the time. He explained the delay in the first shovel ceremony. He said that because they didn't have the appropriate permits and there was no safe place to stand, they decided it would be best to delay the ceremony.
- Dilip Maniar asked what the plan was to collect the remaining money and also was the estimated cost updated since the changes from 2005. The answer was the cost has not been updated since there are events that are constantly different. After the permits are in hand, then we will update.
- A question was asked if it would be better to put the project on hold. The answer was, we have collected \$1.2 million without moving any dirt, so there is no need to put the project on hold at this time.

- Ashwin Turakhia introduced the new board of trustees; Chirag Shah was out of town. The sponsors for the program were announced. One remained anonymous. He thanked Sharadbhai and Jayaben Patel Family, Pravinbhai and Pritiben Mehta, Hasubhai, Pushpaben and Kiritbhai, Sudhaben Shah, Atulbhai and Neelaben Shah, Kantibhai and Bhagwantiben Jain, Hasmukhbhai and Naliniben Shah, Dr. Mohan Bafna and Family, Anonymous (2), Vinodbhai and Hansaben Sutaria, Dilipbhai Maniar, Sanjaybhai and Vinodbalaben Shah.
- He recognized the following participants for doing Ayambil Oli Tapasya: Vinodbhai Sutaria, Hansaben Sutaria, Atulbhai Shah, Mayuriben Dalia, Mukundbhai Dalia, Naliniben Shah, and Jagdishbhai Shah.
- Ashwin Turakhia thanked everyone for attending this meeting.
- The General Body Meeting was adjourned at about 6:15 PM
