

## **Minutes of the General Body Meeting: December 2, 2007**

Jain Society of Greater Cleveland (JSGC) held a General Body Meeting (GBM) of its members starting at 5:30 PM on December 2, 2007, following Diwali pooja and temple update at the Quality Inn, in Richfield, Ohio.

Ashwin Turakhia (President) called the General Body Meeting to order at 5:30 PM. 100+ 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, Chirag Shah, Mayurika Shah and Nehal Shah - were present.
- The minutes of the previous General Body Meeting held on 4/29/2007, which had been available on the JSGC website, were unanimously approved by members by voice vote.
- Ashwin Turakhia reviewed the events of the past year. See attached presentation.
- Chandrakumar Jain reported on the Jain study group. He said that it has taken place uninterrupted since 1994. He said they are preparing the calendar for the upcoming year. The Jain study takes place every 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday, with occasional necessary changes. The objective is to learn the Jain philosophy in a very interactive manner. He invited any of the Jain society members to join and attend. He said that there is one Gujarati book, one Hindi and one English text. He suggested the introduction of a second Jain Study group that would like to begin at a more basic level.
- Ashwin Turakhia recognized the tapasvi's who did Ayambil Oli.
- Mayuri Dalia gave the treasurer's report for the 2007 year. (See attached) Someone asked the question as to the purpose of the gyandravya fund. She answered that the money could be used for books and other educational materials for pathshala and future temple library.
- Ashwin Turakhia announced the names for the 2008 board of trustees. The new nominees were Sunit Jain, Parul Jain and Deepak Pokharna. All three accepted three-year-terms. Their positions were approved by the general membership.
- The floor was then opened for questions.
  - a. Dilipbhai Maniar asked if the activities and dates for the upcoming year would be published soon. Ashwin answered that the new board will be meeting after the first of the year to determine the calendar.
  - b. Pravinbhai asked about visitors that had come after Paryushan from D.C. at the Shiva Vishnu Temple and why we were not involved. Vinod Sutaria answered that the JSGC and the Shiva Vishnu Temple are two different organizations with two different boards of trustees and their own infrastructures to plan, promote and execute events. He clarified that JSGC had not invited the visitors nor has any JSGC member been told not to attend any function. JSGC has formed a special subcommittee to address handling emails and other correspondence from other organizations. A formal letter has

been written to Ajit Patra (President of Greater Cleveland Shiva Vishnu Temple) to explain our position. Finally, he suggested that right now our focus has to remain on the project that we are working on which is the construction of our temple.

- c. Follow up – Mulchandbhai Gala asked if the above information is available on the website. Vinodbhai explained that this information is not on the website, as only pertinent and relevant information is uploaded to the website.
- d. Follow up – someone asked if this communication was available to the membership as communication is vital. Vinod Sutaria said that if anyone had questions about the events, they could have directly spoken to Ashwin Turakhia or any of the board members.
- e. Chandrakumar Jain said that this issue should be put in the past and it is not appropriate to discuss this in this arena and he agreed that we should utilize our energy toward the positive activity of the temple.

- Ashwin Turakhia thanked everyone for attending this meeting.
- The General Body Meeting was adjourned at about 6:30 PM

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\* Post meeting amendment – The treasurer’s report that was given on the day of 12/2/07 did not correspond with the hard copies of the treasurer’s report because the numbers that were presented were the report up to the date of 11/20 and not 11/15.