

Minutes of Gurdwara Committee meeting April 1, 2007

Gurdwara Committee meeting was held on Sunday April 1, 2007 after the regular Sunday Diwan and Langar. Members present included Surjit Singh Kamra, Pritpal Singh Bansal, Dr. Gural Singh Bindra, Mrs Neelam Bawa and Bhai Amarjit Singh. Members absent included Dali Suri, Bhavneet Sethi and Puneet Singh Kukreja. Also, present were Chanranjit Singh Marwah and Bhupinder Singh Mander.

1. Mr. Bansal updated the members on a couple of properties that he had investigated as prospective building site for Gurdwara. Both of these properties are in Marshall County, MS and conveniently located from Germantown, Collierville and Cordova . One of the property has 20 acres of land with a 3 bedroom house on it and priced around \$600,000.00. Mr. Bansal had Checked it out to make sure that the land was not in flood zone. The other property was also in Marshal County and is only land (26 acres) @ \$26,000.00 per acres.Mr. Bansal encouraged committee members to visit these sites so that we can make n appropriate decision.
2. Since the lease on condo room where Bhai Satinder Singh Ji is staying will has run out, Mr. kamra was asked to find a one bedroom apartment for Bhai Satinder Singh at the Willow Lake Apartments which is across from Gurdwara. The application has already been made to rent an apartment and hopefully the apartment will be available within a week to 10 days.
3. Dr. Bindra brought the committee up-to-date on the status of second Ragi Bhai Gurbachan Singh Ji. Bhai Amarjit Singh has recommended that since Nashville Gurdwara was in dire need of a Bhai Sahib that we transfer Bhai Gurbachan Singh Ji to Nashville.Dr. Bindra had a conversation with Mr.Kahlon of Nashville and indicated to them that if Nashville Gurdwara Committee will officially apply to INS for transfer of Bhai Gurbachan Singh to Nashville, Mid-South Sikh Sabha will be happy to transfer Bhai Sahib to Nashville. Dr. Bindra had received a phone call from Mr. Kahlon, that the Nashville Gurdwara Committee has agreed to do the needed paperwork to transfer Bhai Gurbachan Singh to Nashville. The committee also requested Bhai Amarjit Singh Ji to invite Bhai Gurbachan Singh to Memphis for Baisakhi program on April 22, 2007.
4. Mr. Kamra brought to the attention of the committee a request from the youth group that Gurdwara buy a laptop computer, screen and a projector for use during keertan. This will make it possible to project the Shabad being sung with the English translation of the Shabad. Dr. Bindra suggested that since most young people have their personal laptops, Gurdwara can for the time being buy the projector and the scree. Dr. Bindra moved that Gurdwara procure a projector and screen as requested by the youth group. Mr. Bansal seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
5. Mr. Charanjit Singh Marwah and Bhupinder Singh Mander informed the committee that the fund raising efforts for new Gurdwara Building were in full swing . They already contacted 15-20 families and there goal was to contact all sangat members by end of April 2007. They will be able to give an update on the amount of financial commitments made by the sangat members
6. Marwah and Mander Ji also informed the committee that they had been telling the sangat members that if any member commits to \$20,000.00 over ten years (\$2000.00 per year for 10 years or 40 equal quarterly payments of \$500.00 each) or \$10,000.00 lump sum within 30 days of the agreement, the member will get a permanent lifetime Trusteeship to the MSSS as well as a ten-year paid membership to the Mid-south Sikh Sabha (MSSS). This promise was based on a proposal which was a part of proposed constitution circulated by Mr. Bansal. Since the constitution has not yet been passed, this proposal was really approved by the committee.
7. Dr. Bindra made a motion that committee approve the above proposal and that the money donated by members in earlier years be also counted toward the \$20,000.00/10 year requirement. Motion was seconded by Mr. Bansal and passed unanimously.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned

Surjit Kamra