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**Wahe Guru Ji Ka Khalsa
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Minutes of MSSS GBC 1st Meeting

Date of Meeting: July 30, 2004. (4:00PM)

Members Present: Mr. Waryam Gulati, Mr. Sunpreet Singh, Mr. Charanjit Singh, Mr. Amarjit Birang, Rajkumar, Mr. Pritpal Bansal and Seemika Bansal.

The meeting started shortly after four.

The timeline for the completion of Mid South Sikh Sabha Gurudwara Sahib is set as January 2005. The Gurudwara Sahib should be ready to hold Akhand Path and celebrate Guru Gobind Singh Jee's birthday on January 5th, 2005. The MSSS Gurdwara committee will be request to step up fund raising and financing.

We discussed the two proposed schemes provided to us by Sidhu and Associates – Scheme A and Scheme B. We are still awaiting engineer Rusty Norviell's comments on these two plans. Each Plan was discussed thoroughly, our main concerns were whether there proposed Congregation Hall 38x44 was big enough and whether there was room for expansion within the proposed structure, the size/area of the main Kirtan Hall, and elevation of the building.

Scheme A, which is also referred as the “Attic Floor Plan offers a First Floor and an Attic Floor with following details:

The first floor consists of:

Priest Room 12x12

Coats and Shoe Room

Mechanical Room

Men's & Ladies Restrooms

Kitchen 12x14

Congregation Hall 38x44

The total area for the first floor is 74x40.

The Attic floor consists of:

Finished attic space 19x27 to accommodate Sukhasan Room, Furnace and Storage space located directly above the Priest Room, Coats and Shoe Room ,

Mechanical Room, Men's & Ladies Restrooms and Kitchen. The space above the Congregation Hall is not finished.

The thought process behind this plan was that the first floor will be used as Kirtan Hall as well as Langer Hall. This can serve our needs for coming seven to ten years. At that time we can move the Kirtan Hall to the Attic level and the first floor can be used strictly as Langer Hall.

However, it was agreed that the Attic level does not have large enough space to be used as Congregation Hall. It was suggested that we increase the height of the outside walls to about 16 feet. That will provide us Attic as Congregation Hall of about 38x44.

It was also suggested that we increase the building size from proposed 74x40x10 to 86x40x16.

Scheme B, which is also referred as the "Basement Floor Plan offers a First Floor and a Basement Floor with following details:

The first floor consists of:

Office /Priest Room

Coats and Shoe Room

Men's & Ladies Restrooms

Congregation Hall 38x40

The total area for the first floor is 64x40

Basement will consist of 64x40 building with finished Food Prep Area (Kitchen) and Mechanical room (Total space about 16x40)

The Basement Plan was preferred by all as it has several benefits. For example, we can lower our utility costs, get protection from thunder storms and lower noise levels. There are questions about water drainage and concerns about the position of the building on the land with gas lines. Serious concern is that needs to be clarified is the consideration is that no construction can be done over the gas lines that run through our land.

All members were more favorable of Scheme B, the basement plan. We have to make sure that we either build the building towards the back end of the lot or have our parking lot built over the gas lines. Pritpal will follow up on this issue with Dr. Bindra, Rusty and Sidhu Associates.

Raj Kumar is going to obtain some quote on the sectional steel building that meets commercial codes at reduce costs. The quotes will be solicited after the final architectural plan is approved.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Saturday, August 7, 2004, at 4:00 pm at the Gurdwara Sahib. Pursuant to that, meetings will be held weekly on Thursdays, at 6:30 p.m. Our plan of action is as follows:

- We are to assign different responsibilities and tasks to different members within our Building Committee in order to get things moving.
- Mr. Bansal is to meet with Dr. Bindra prior to next meeting and get in touch with Rusty as well to get his input of these drawings. Furthermore, we need a copy of the topography plan from Rusty.
- We also need to decide Mr. Sidhu's future involvement in this project and to see whether he is committed to help and support us in meeting our timeframe or whether we will need to hire a local company.
- We need a better idea of the monetary requirement for the project and the changes proposed in each plan.

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 pm