

BOARD MEETING 5-22- 2022 11AM to 1:14 PM (EST)

In attendance:

Board Members: Vrsni (Virginia Van Pelt), Jaya Krsna (Josef Imseng), Vrindavan (Biswajit Das), Jayasri (Jill Clayton), Gopisa (Gabriel Fried)

Recording Secretary: Jayasri (Jill Clayton)

Thus representing a quorum for said meeting to be held.

Ratifying minutes from the end of year and April meetings

Vrsni proposed to ratify the 12-12-21 board minutes, seconded by Jaya Krsna. All in favor. **Resolution passed.**

Vrsni proposed to ratify the 4-17-22 board minute, seconded by Jaya Krsna. All in favor. **Resolution passed.**

Project Updates:

a) Prabhupada's Palace of Gold – Gopisa reported that the roof and domes are now sealed and waterproofed. There should be no further water incursion.

The fiberglass shells for the domes require stripping and repainting. FRP is working cooperatively to find an equitable solution to accomplish this.

b) Asphaltting entrance and community garden roads – Jaya Krsna reported that the paving of the entry to the temple brick road beginning at McCrearys Ridge and the section from the cabin road to Manasaganga's were successfully completed with proper drainage and reinforcements. Trough drains will be installed soon by another branch of the company.

c) Community Center – Jaya Krsna made the presentation. Topics discussed included the viability of moving the house and whether that will affect its sanctity as a tirtha as Srila Prabhupada stayed there (although it was in a different location at the time), where a new expanded facility might be located and immediately addressing the existing exterior as well as the installation of HVAC (PTAC units suggested).

Currently funds are not available for a new building, but might be in the near future (within 2 years). All members present expressed their support for keeping the project alive and immediately fixing the exterior and installing HVAC.

Devotee Care

The Devotee Care funding request was discussed in detail.

The list of points made by ECO-V is aligned with those of INV, therefore those expectations will be composed in a letter by Jaya Krsna and presented to Nityodita.

New Construction Projects

Jaya Krsna presented the list of new construction projects to follow the completion of the gift shop expansion and prasadam room move. The next construction projects are as follows: 1) Additional Pilgrims Department offices in the lobby. – As the summer season is underway, this project will begin during the winter off-season. 2) The mail room and expanded deity rooms between the temple and kitchen. – As the space on the other side of the walkway between the temple and kitchen is unusable for anything else, Jaya Krsna would like to expand the project to both sides. This will solve the problems with water control off the roofs and provide additional space for a separate cooler for the deity flowers, a place to make vases, and expanded storage facility for dry bhoga.

There is also a plan to expand Jagannath's pujari room into the old bathroom. It was suggested that the siding on the kitchen be upgraded at the same time. Jaya Krsna and team will go over the suggestions and bring the projects back to the board for review and funding.

Prabhupada statue

Jaya Krsna informed the board that there is a possibility of receiving a large bronze Prabhupada statue mounted on a granite base. As per Srila Prabhupada's instructions, sacred statues should be protected from the elements and bird droppings. This point was made by several members. Suggested locations were; inside the Palace walls, the site of the Bhagavat Dharma discourses on Govindaji Hill at Bahulaban or the planned Prabhupada Museum. More discussion is needed.

Krishna house in Morgantown

Jaya Krsna wanted to know if the board is interested in developing a Krishna House in Morgantown. All board members were enthusiastic about the idea but concerned about

the current lack of manpower and funds. The board is willing to revisit the project at a future date.

Proposals from the employee meeting

At the recent INV employee meeting, every attendee was requested to write down several reflections, one being the things they thought would make New Vrindaban better, another being what prasadam they would like to see. Jaya Krsna will get with HR and provide that list to the board for review.

Finances

Jaya Krsna made the financial presentation which showed increases in many of the income centers. Some expenses are up, especially payroll with the addition of much needed staffing.

Next meeting tentative date is Monday June 20th 5-7 pm.

Meeting ended at: 1:14 PM.

This is a concise summary of the minutes in their entirety.