



Shree Tavdi Gramy Sudharak Mandal, NZ

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Report on Sudharak Mandal Meeting held on 2 November 2003

1. Apologies recieved: Parbhu Chhagan, Raman Chhagan, Navnit Morar.
2. Attendees: Naranbhai Budhia, Naranbhai Makan, Mohanbhai Naran, Bhikubhai Jeram, plus over 25 Tavidiya from Wellington
3. Naranbhai Makan Chairperson of the Shri Ram Mandir and Samaj Mandir Navsarjan Committee gave a report on the Pranpratishta Puja and on recent news from Tavdi. Naranbhai gave an account from the demolition of the old Ram Mandir, the bhumi puja, through to the Pranpratishta Puja wedi. He spoke of how expenses had gone over budget due to deeper foundations, using higher quality sand, bricks, metal, marble, doors, hardware, plumbing and electrical fittings than specified in the quotation. Changes in the aakar appearance of the main gumat and the increase in size of the Samaj Mandir hall also increased the cost. Even with these extras the cost is still less than the original estimate of Rs 65 lakh (6.5 million rupees). Income from interest on short term investment of the donations had helped. The project is almost complete with only the painting, donors board, landscaping, fencing, gate and water tank still remaining to be done. Naranbhai explained why The Pranpratishta Puja wedi was held early because of an impending inauspicious Goudawary period. This would have meant the mandir and idols could not be used and would lie idle in storage until 2005. He gave a report on the Pranpratishta Puja wedi and the Diario. He also said a pujari had been appointed with a wage of Rs1500 per month.
4. After a long question answer session and discussion it was resolved with a motion: that we write to Shri Ram Mandir and Samaj Mandir Navsarjan Committee, Tavdi, congratulating Shri Naranbhai Makan and his committee on doing a tremendous job, on a huge task, well done, and urge them to proceed on to complete the project including the water tank, painting, landscaping, donors board, fencing and gate as outlined in the original proposal. The meeting also strongly recommends that the fencing and gate be completed so as to keep the mandir complex and grounds secure.
5. The accounts of the Sudharak Mandal NZ, were presented by Raju Budhia and were accepted with out any questions.
6. After a long discussion on the future administration and maintenance needs of the Shri Ram Mandir and Samaj Mandir, it was resolved by a motion that: we write to the Shri Tavdi Gramy Sudharak Mandal Tavdi recommending that a Shri Raam Mandir and Samaj Mandir Sanchaalan (Administration) Trust be established to take ownership and administer the whole complex and to hold in trust funds left over from the Shri Ram Mandir and Samaj Mandir Navsarjan and that these funds, only be used for maintenance, of the mandir complex and that this Trust consist of 7 members, 3 members elected by the Shri Tavdi Gramy Sudharak Mandal in Tavdi, 2 members elected by the Shri Tavdi Gramy Sudharak Mandal UK, 2 members elected by the Shri Tavdi Gramy Sudharak Mandal NZ.
7. This meeting also strongly urged that the Shri Tavdi Gramy Sudharak Mandal Tavdi regularly hold an AGM and regularly produce reports and audited accounts.
8. Sunil Govind has offered to sponsor all future postage costs and Vinod Govind has offered to print all future newsletters.
9. The meeting thought it is still not quite the time to consider new projects ie the Education Committee, and to wait till the mandir project is completed.
10. A get together in a school hall was proposed instead of a Tavidiya picnic.
11. Please write to the secretary if you want some other name inscribed other than your own on the donor's board or if you have any additions or corrections to the mailing list or would like the newsletter by email.
12. A vote of thanks for Naranbhai Budhia for hosting and providing hospitality for the meeting was recorded.
13. A vote of thanks for Naranbhai Makan, Mohanbhai Naran, Bhikhubhai Jeram for travelling from Christchurch was also recorded.
14. Have we got your address correct? If not, please write us your correct address. Is there someone from Tavdi that is not getting this newsletter? Please write us their name and address.
15. Have you paid your Membership fee? Please write your \$25 cheque to Shri Tavdi Sudharak Mandal, and post to
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