

## **HSGC Sep 2024 General Body Meeting - Question & Answers**

Q1 - Lawsuit is valid; wanted to understand finances;

A: We have not been officially served but we were told it is coming.

Q2 - Dress code is not being maintained wearing shorts - we should have signs (another attendee later objected saying restrictions may convey an unwelcoming tone)

A: We can post signs that have suggestions like "Dress modestly; Talk softly; Pay ahead for services, etc"

Q3 - Lawyer fees for this dispute with the priest

A: The costs for the dispute have reached 6-8K so far. We ask everyone to understand that the bitterness, prejudice north/south divide and Vandalism are causing costs to the Temple.

Q4 - Kast mata ki chowki was 21 people - sign of divided community. EC should resign if they cannot handle the workload

A: Fair point

Q5 - Hope of desperation - community divide - Any innovative or disruptive, peace idea possible?

A: Many overtures made in the past did not work. The lawsuit may actually bring it to closure. We continue to make efforts like Mela and new events, hoping time will heal some of this as well.

\*\* Statement made by a senior attendee - Words of wisdom in English based on our scriptures; are you north or south - I am a hindu

\*\* dress code restrictions may strike an unwelcoming tone with devotees

Q6 - Why was I blocked on facebook. What was my father blocked on facebook

A: There was a message posted by someone with access to the Temple facebook account about selling the Temple land. You posted on that. We deleted the main message and your post was also deleted as a result.

\*\* Statement - Zoom meeting attendance is good so the meeting can be conducted well and people can read all the information. Thank you for bringing positive change to the Temple.

\*\* Statement by religious education committee chair - 120 students enrolled in religious education. Parents with kids are coming to Temple in greater numbers

Q7 - Publish the lawsuit on the website. Publish the police report on the website. Why are you afraid?

A: Nobody is afraid. And nobody is afraid of you. We take direction from our attorney to not create unnecessary risks to the Temple. We will make our decisions based on counsel's advice.

\*\*\* Statement - this EC job has done a great job; Temple is in much better shape - was involved in the old temple. Disagree with most of the negative comments about the EC. We need another sincere effort, with reasonable people to attempt reconciliation; complaints expressed personally to

me - whether those comments are baseless.. nobody can sell the property. We should put this in the deed.

A: Yes. We are going to put a restrictive covenant on the property deed that only through General Body approval should any Temple property be sold