



City of Jacksonville
Mayor's Asian American Advisory Board (MAAAB)



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Board Meeting

Monday, February 9, 2015 at 6:00 PM

MAAAB Board Members

Radwan Chowdhury
Chair

Rajat Sharma
Vice Chair

Wen Raiti
Treasurer

Sophal Archard
Secretary

Ed Callao
Past Chair

Jay Gogaliya

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MINUTES

Board Members Present: Sophal Archard, Ed Callao, Radwan Chowdhury, Jay Gogaliya, Wen Raiti and Rajat Sharma.

Board Members Excused: Do In Kim

Board Members Unexcused:

Liaison to Board: Johnnetta Moore

Prospective Members/Guests/Volunteers Present: Mhai Agraba, Elaine Camacho, Mandeep Narula, Moitreya Nayey and Grace Pettus

I. Call to Order

Chair, Radwan Chowdhury called the meeting to order at 6:08 pm and introduced guests.

II. Pledge Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was stated.

III. Introductions

Introductions were made around the room.

IV. Approval of Minutes

The Board reviewed the January and December minutes. Jay Gogaliya made a motion to approve December minutes, Rajat Sharma seconded and the motion carried without further discussion. Jay Gogaliya made a motion to approve the January minutes with changes, Rajat Sharma seconded and the motion carried without further discussion.

V. Liaison to Board Update

Johnnetta Moore requested the Board to review the proof of the ticket for the May event, so that they could be printed during the meeting. Radwan Chowdhury made motion to approve the tickets with changes, Ed Callao seconded and motion passed without further discussion.

Mrs. Moore encouraged everyone to make sure they attend the Ethics training class. The class is required by Board members to attend once a year.

Johnnetta Moore asked about the contract for the May event to begin the process of getting it signed.

VI. Committee Updates

Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month Celebration

Radwan Chowdhury discussed Library facilities that will be used for the May event. The contract includes everything but the stage, dance floor, linens, and decorations. Radwan Chowdhury made a motion that the Board would not spend more than \$350 for a stage and dance floor, seconded by Wen Raiti and the motion passed without further discussion.

Radwan Chowdhury discussed and reviewed the May Event Check List.

Discussions were made in regards to food. Laura Davis will send to the Board the approved menu. Deadline for food quotes is Monday, February 16, 2015. Radwan Chowdhury stated the cost for food should be around \$3,500.00.

The Board will look into getting pens for a giveaway and will look into former scholarship winners as guest speakers for "Success Stories".

Johnnetta Moore reminded everyone that committee meetings should take place before next Board meeting.

Deadline for advertisements for the Program book is Thursday, March 5, 2015.

Awards

Rajat Sharma accepted the Chair position. Wen Raiti and Jay Gogaliya volunteered to also be on the committee.

Board Membership/Nominations

Radwan Chowdhury announced that Sang Phouansouvanh resigned from the Board. Letters were sent to Lorelie Papel and Bala Govi in regards to their membership with the Board. Ms. Papel responded and officially resigned from the Board. Mr. Govi has not responded. Radwan

Chowdhury made a motion to resign Bala Govi from Board due to attendance, Rajat Sharma seconded and the motion passed without further discussion.

Treasury Report

We Raiti reported monies have been received for the May event. Discussion was made by the Board in regards to if a person donates for a scholarship.

VII. Unfinished Business

Jay Gogaliya inquired about his re-appointment and information requested about the Hispanic Board's budget. Johnnetta Moore stated that she inquired about the re-appointment and did not receive an answer and the information about the Hispanic Board budget was requested from the Boards and Commissions office.

Radwan Chowdhury forwarded the Night of Asia request letter for funds and has not received a response.

VIII. New Business

None

IX. Public Comment

Elaine Camocho stated that UNF students will be able to volunteer to set up and work the May event. Also, the students may be able to provide performers if needed. Group has volunteered for the TET celebration and other events.

Mandeep Narula stated the event sounds like it is geared towards youth and inspiring the youth to succeed. Shad Khan would be a good speaker and someone to look up to. Mr. Narula said that he probably can get a few people from the temple to attend the event.

X. Announcements

2015 Northeast Florida Lunar Chinese New Year Celebration to be held on Sunday, February 22, 2015 (flyer attached).

Jacksonville Business Journal Multicultural Award (attachment)

Jacksonville Business Journal 40 Under 40 (attachment)

Job and Resource Fair at Main Library (attachment)

XI. Meeting Adjourned

Meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p. m.