



ASIAN AMERICAN COALITION OF CHICAGO
30th Lunar New Year Celebration & Asian American Conference
Community Health Fair | Global Business Forum | Youth Job Fair
February 23, 2013 * Hyatt Regency O'Hare * 9 A.M. to Midnight
Hosted by the Vietnamese Community & Nghia Sinh Intl Inc.

AACC Host Office

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AACC Planning Committee Meeting

6:30 p.m. – February 20, 2013

Hyatt Regency O'Hare – Tech Room

Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Vietnamese Community

Doug Nguyen
Khanh Tran

Luan Nguyen
Thomas Tran

Ng Hieu
Landy Nguyen

Nha Tran
Michael Nguyen

Secretary

Donna Robbins

Chinese Community

Irene Cualoping

Helen Moy

CW Chan

George Mui

Filipino Community

Expo Taghap

Indian Community

Prem Lalvani

Raj Mago

Moh Saini

Aileen Bhandari

Indonesia Community

Martino Tangkar

Japanese Community

Karen Kanemoto

Meg Nakano

Korean Community

Jaz Park

Lily Kim

Pakistani

Sadruddin Noorani

Rashid Chaudary

Thai Community

Hon Bannapradist

Nick Bannapradist

John Rutirasiri

John Sherling

Guests

Steven Stencil (Tech Light Group)

John Stenz (Atmosphere Events Group)

Tom Mamola (Atmosphere Events Group)

Sophie Williams (Nielsen)

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Doug Nguyen, 2013 AACC Chairperson
 - Roll call of attendees
2. Meeting minutes were reviewed and approved – one correction made.
3. AACC Board Report and Reflection was provided by Dr. Ng Hieu
 - Appreciation Message from the Board – Thank you to all of you for all your time and efforts. Without you we cannot do anything.
 - Thank you Joseph for planning and serving the food for the meetings. He will be preparing the food for Friday evening dinner and food for Saturday for the volunteers and performers.
 - Dr. Hieu received an email from the Governor's office which covered two items: (1) Interviewed for the appointment of the special assistant to the Governor (9 resumes received from 7 communities) (2) he will



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send a representative to announce the individual chosen for the position.

- The Mayor of Chicago will have new lights installed in March 2013 on Asia on Argyle. The Mayor proposed two items: (1) night market (carts) (2) walking market. The purpose to bring more business to Argyle. There was a celebration 3 days ago of Lunar New Year which included the lion dance, performances and martial arts on the street of Argyle. We will take the ownership for Asia on Argyle. History of Argyle Street began in 1975 by the Vietnamese refugee – founder of Argyle Street and other immigrants came to join – according to Dr. Hieu. It is for Asian American.
 - At each table there will be champagne provided for the special 30th celebration
 - Hyatt is preparing a birthday cake to celebrate the 30th celebration. The AACC unity song will be played and then the choir will sing the Happy Birthday song.
 - Full plan for Saturday –
 - i. It will begin with Health Fair with Jesse White as the keynote speaker
 - ii. In the afternoon the conference on education and economy with 4 University Presidents to discuss current trends and issues on Asian students
 - iii. Thanks to George Mui for working on the business forum
 - iv. Interfaith prayers - more than 9 religious leaders will be attending (Buddhist, Hindu, Islam, Christianity, etc.)
 - v. Evening keynote speaker is Aurora Austriaco, President of the Chicago Bar Assn
 - vi. Dance after the program with 3 singers from California
4. Program Updates on 2013 Conference & Celebration – Doug Nguyen
- Introductions of guests:
 - i. Doug Nguyen asked John Rutirasiri to introduce his guests - John introduced John Sherling as the project manager for audio side, and Steve Stencil with Tech Light Group, Tom Mamola and John Stenz with Atmosphere Events Group
 - ii. Doug Nguyen introduced Sophie Williams (Nielsen) – Sophie thanked the AACC, a lot of work has been done, the foundation has been laid and is looking forward to working with the AACC and congratulations for a successful event.
 - Update from George Mui – Doug & Dr. Hieu approached George last summer to help put the business forum together – US Dept of Commerce appreciates the opportunity to share their thoughts and programs – help minority businesses – created Asian American business expo and started two years ago during the Asian Heritage Month – looking to partner with all communities – partner now with office of Mayor of Chicago who will be the official partner in June 29 with IIT – The forum expanded beyond expectations – expected 50 people has grown to 100 then two nights ago up to 300 – there's room for 300 which usually means about 200+ will show – goal is to get message to Asian American Business theme is Leverage Asian American Business to Do Business with Asia – meet the government – 9 agencies – to increase national export – President want to double export in 5 years and now into 4 years. Help leverage to do business with Asia – the goal is to get in front of Asian American businesses to talk about increasing export – there will be another room with the President's Advisory Commissioner to discuss with a group of approximately 90+ people (the Asian American Leadership Forum) about what they are trying to do at the national level
 - Update from A/V and Lighting Team – John Rutirasiri
 - i. We're very lucky to have Tech Light Group to work with us – cost of doing lighting is the cost of the equipment rental
 - ii. Steve described the lighting setup and the screens for the video – video recording arrangements were not made
 - iii. Start setup @ 3 pm Friday due to hotel schedule – 7 pm lighting setup – sound check by 11 pm Friday night – health fair to setup first – 6 am Saturday crew will setup conference rooms – need the music from each of the dance groups – 4:00 pm John will be working with the band and the choir @ 4:30 pm
 - Doug Nguyen will be the main Emcee for the entire evening – need to know the leaders' names of each performing dance group – Ron Blazen a friend & colleague will be assisting Doug – John needs all the groups to be there on Saturday @ 1 pm for the dry run.



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- Dinner will be served @ 7:17 pm.
- The dressing rooms are the Lindbergh for female and the Lambert for male. Food will be served at the DFW room for the volunteers and performers. Performers also have a changing room behind the stage area.
- Irene had 3 open items – (1) need press platforms and chairs – will be discussed off line (2) Chicago Children's Choir will not be singing the Unity Song – would like the choir to sing the piece and offer the DVD to viewed – Dr. Hieu's idea to have the choir sing the Unity song and withdrew the idea (3) need volunteers to stuff the Nielsen bags after the meeting – thank you for the opportunity to work with the AACC and congratulations to Doug Nguyen and Dr. Hieu for a successful conference.
- \$46,000 bill for food only from the Hotel – they are very kind and understand our limited budget and look forward to working with us in the future.
- Walk through of the conference rooms

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Donna Robbins, 2013 AACC Secretary