



Asian American Festival 2007



Daley Center Plaza/Chicago

In Celebration of Asian American Heritage Month
Hosted by the Pakistani American Community/May 21-25

9th ANNUAL ASIAN AMERICAN FESTIVAL

4th PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

May 8th 2007

MINUTES

The fourth Planning Committee Meeting of the Asian American Coalition of Chicago for the 2007 9th Annual Asian American Festival, was held at the Sabri Banquet Hall 6424 N. Western Ave. Chicago, IL 60645, May 8th, 2007. The meeting was called to order at 6:30p.m. by Sharmeen Younus, 2008 AACC Chair.

The Pakistani American Community is the 2008 host community.

ATTENDEES

C.W Chan, Pam Leeming, Rashid Chaudry, Sajid Chaudry, Abdul Rehman Halami, Trisila Davidge, Raj Mago, Nusrat Chaudry, Bashir Chaudry, Faisal Rashid, Fahad Sami, Afzal Sodagar, Younus Suleman, Sharmeen Younus, Hameed Khan, Mohinderjit Singh Saini, Dr. Evelyn Nativaded, Dr. Ng Hieu, Lary Schectman, Lucy Kusumo, Piamsook Bodle, Roosy Miller, John Miller, Handoyo Kusumo, Martino Tangkar, Ifti Nasim, Pat Michalski, John Miller, Roosy Miller, Jelly Carandang,, Alexander Limson, Alvin Sulaiman, Martino Tangkar, Sriaroon Chantimar, and Fyza Parviz

I. Welcome and Introductions – Sharmeen Younus, 2008 AACC Chair

II. Old Business- Motion was passed for the last meeting and agenda

III. New Business

Committees Introduction

Committees- **>Officers, Committee, and Committee chairs were introduced as follows:**

- Corporate Sponsors: **Waqas Durrani and Anita Bower**
- Secretary: **Fyza Parviz**
- Programming: **Nadia Wilson, Nida Maniar and Kiersten**
- Technical/Webmaster: **Tariq Hasan**
- Volunteers: **Kiran Siddiqi**
- Program Book: **Fahad Sami and Saad Sami**
- Vendors: **Sharmeen Younus and Nadia Akhtar**
- Decorations: **Faisal Rashid**
- Community Outreach: **Pam Leeming**

Finance Committee Report ->Nadia Akhtar

- We currently have \$29,000 not including expenses
- We welcome more sponsors
- Request forms to sign off to be friend the festival are available

Corporate Sponsor Update->Waqas Durrani

- No new updates
- Devry will be a sponsor
- American Family insurance is also a sponsor. Kevin is the representative.



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- We need more ads. We encourage and welcome community ads.

Programming Update-> Nadia Wilson

- We need a performance from the Pakistani community on the first day of the festival.
- Dr. Evelyn's Update:
 - 15 CPS schools will participate
 - Each school has 20 representatives. There will be free buses to pick up the kids
 - Buses will be at school at 2:30pm.
 - Buses will leave right after the kids performance and free lunch will be provided for the kids
 - A certificate shall be provided to the kids. Sharmeen will sign the certificates
 - Dr. Evelyn will send the certificates to the principals of the schools.
 - Performance time for the kids is 10:30 to 1pm.
 - Dr. Evelyn will let Sharmeen know the estimated cost of the certificate.
 - There will be a specific loading area for the buses for the kids
 - Sharmeen will send the waiver forms for the kids to Dr. Evelyn
 - Programming is set for all days except for Wednesday
 - Community members should email Sharmeen for performers from any other community

Technical Update:

- No updates

Volunteers Committee-> Kiran Siddiqi

- Seven volunteers available
- Food will be provided to the volunteers for free

Program book-> Fahad Sami

- The final quote for the books is \$1.60
- 1500 booklets will be printed.
- We need more ads for the community.
- \$500 for business ads and community ads are \$300
- All ads will be full page

Vendors:

- We have 6 food vendors and 18 merchandise vendors
- There will be an activity booth and a community booth



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- Contact Nadia Akhtar with a list of activities

Decorations committee-> Faisal

- The banner is ready
- The decorations for the stage are ready
- Need volunteers for removing and placing the decorations
- We removed the city seal from the banner

Outreach-> PAM

- Confirmed dignitaries have been announced
- We have 501C3 status
- We do not have state of IL sales tax exemption
- Festival sales tax is not an issue but it will be an issue for the dinner
- CW will help us with finding a co sponsor to be sales tax exempt.

New Business:

- Need bylaws for this organization and there should be consistency. Bylaws can be approved by the executive committee.

Announcement:

Indonesian event: May 26th We will have Bali new year. 6:30pm ticket is \$10 winetka highschool
Sunday May 13. Chicago Children museum from 1pm to 4pm. Culture performances are for free.
Dinner provided Moshawy
Next Friday reception flyer

IV. Adjournment and Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be after the festival. May 8th meeting adjourned at 9:05PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Fyza Parviz

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