



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 6, 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

C.C. Chan (The Hartford)

Filipino Community

Carmen Estacio (IL SOS Office) Lourdes Mon (at Comcast TV interview)

Indian Community

Prem Lalvani

Raj Mago

Indonesia Community

Martino Tangkar

Japanese Community

Ron Yoshino

Karen Kanemoto

Lori Yokoyama

Korean Community

Jaz Park

Thomas Choi

Pakistani

Sadrudin Noorani (at Comcast TV interview)

Thai Community

Tippi Lee

Hon Bannapradist

Nick Bannapradist

John Rutirasiri

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Dr. Hieu, AACC Board President
2. Meeting minutes were reviewed and approved.
3. Good News – Irene Cualoping – Nielsen was brought in @ \$10,000 – Dr. Hieu mentioned the other sponsors: BCBS of IL @ \$7,000; American Family @ \$7,000; CNA @ \$5,000; and Chin & Assoc and Popular Bank @ \$1,500. Irene also mentioned that Nielsen had gifts: enough T-shirts for 2000; willing to do bags – Dr. Hieu suggested the health fair for the bags and include volunteers; also there are notebooks and Irene suggest for the awardees
4. AACC Board Report and Reflection was provided by Dr. Ng Hieu

Met with Governor Pat Quinn on January 25, 2013 – 18 individuals attended (20 if the photographer and secretary are included) – there were 3 asks: (1) **partnership between AACC & the Governor's office**; (2) the Governor to **appoint special assistant to the Governor** for Asian American Pacific Islander business & services affairs; (3) the Governor to attend **AACC 30th celebration**. The Governor agreed to all: (1) he asked Daniel Goff, the Deputy Director, IL Dept. of Commerce and Economic Opportunity to meet directly with Dr. Hieu and sent an email asking Dr. Hieu to provide the meeting date; (2) the Governor would like to appoint someone before the event and make the announcement at the event – 9 resumes received from 7 communities (Chinese, Filipino,



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Indian, Japanese, Korean, Pakistani, and Vietnamese); (3) the Governor has to be in Washington DC to attend the Nat'l Governors Assn but will ask one of his assistants, Lt. Governor, Deputy Governor, or the Chief of Staff, whoever can attend and make the announcement of the appointment. The Governor also stated that **he will bring AACC ideas directly to the President of the United States when he meets with President Obama on Feb. 22**, It was a very successful meeting and we achieved all requests: partnership meetings, appointment and participation.

- AACC met with the Mayor on July 10, 2012 – (1) asked about partnership – he's willing and ready to partner with AACC. He would like the community to do more and the government will support. (2) services - Mayor announced Asia on Argyle and will work to move forward with Chicago's Asian village and Asian Tower – transfer ideas to action. Plans for new street lights and road will be realized in March 2013 for the Asia on Argyle.
- AACC Organization Structure – Dr. Hieu wanted to accomplish for his year (2 month left)
 - i. AACC Policy
 - ii. AACC Guidelines
 - iii. AACC Criteria - Criteria committee to meet @ Lourdes Mon's house
 - iv. AACC Org. Chart – working on
 - v. AACC "Library" in cyberspace (an AACC website to store all AACC important documents) – plans to have password for entry
- AACC Legal Papers – host committee to complete before passing on to next host committee:
 - i. Annual Report to IRS
 - ii. Annual Report to IL-Secretary of State
 - iii. Annual Report to IL-Att'y General's Office – in good standing
 - iv. Income Tax Exempt - in good standing
 - v. Sales Tax Exempt – hopefully letter will come before the event so we don't have to pay sales tax
- 5. Doug Nguyen announced the interview of Lourdes Mon, Doug Nguyen & Sadruddin Noorani will be on at 5:30 pm on Saturday (next two Saturdays) on Comcast TV
- 6. Doug Nguyen called for the roll call of attendees.
 - C.C. Chan announced she brought \$3,000 from The Hartford.
- 7. Updates from Host Committee Members - Celebrating 30 Years of Unified Leadership and Services
 - Doug Nguyen acknowledged Dr. Hieu's great job of providing updates from the AACC Board.
 - Community Health Fair from 9 am – 1 pm
 - i. Officially received the check from the corporate sponsor for the community health fair – BCBS of IL
 - ii. Secretary of State Advisory Council – Liaison Carmen Estacio – services: diabetic/glucose, blood pressure, and cholesterol screenings, chiropractic doctors will provide acupuncture for free, and there will be oxygen saturation, bone density, and mammogram registration – number of buses depends on responses of seniors. There are 18 vendors and 16 providers – Jesse White will be the keynote speaker for morning with the Tumbling Team performing in the morning and in the evening. Expect Secretary of State to be at the dinner. Lunch will be provided. Flyers have been distributed in the communities.
 - iii. Ken Munson, Regional Dept. of Health & Community Service, will discuss the Affordable Care Act.
 - Global Business Forum & Youth Job Fair from 1:00 pm to 5 pm
 - i. Educational Conference – 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm – Panel of 4 University Presidents confirmed to discuss issues of Asian American students with Victoria Chou from UIC School of Education moderating. Dr. Mark Wrighton, Chancellor of Washington University, St. Louis will be the first speaker followed by Dr. John Anderson, President of IIT. Dr. Margaret Lee, President of Oakton Community College and Dr. Sharon Hahs, President of Northeastern Illinois University will be coming. Promoting @ the campuses of IIT, Oakton and Northeastern. There are 25 community leaders coming for the panel that will go into the afternoon Global Business Forum.
 - ii. Global Business Forum taking place from 3 pm to 5 pm – George Mui will be kicking off the business forum.
 - iii. Workshops from 3 pm to 5 pm – two of the staffers of the Asian American Institute will conduct two



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- workshops: high school students and college students both on the history of AAPI in the US, and the cultural issues of Asian American students. Programs they have grants to do.
- iv. 4 pm to 5:30 pm Interfaith Prayer session - in the side of the Grand Ballroom – mass led by Bishop Alberto Rojas of Chicago followed by an Interfaith prayer session led by Raj Mago. Doug Nguyen will do the opening prayer. Every community will be represented at the prayer session.
- Evening Program from 6 pm to 9 pm
 - i. Doug Nguyen is working on the scripts for the evening: US Navy Band, Chicago Children's Choir, Tumbling Team will be coming between 7:45 pm and 8:15 pm. Dinner will be served @ 7:15 pm. 6 pm start of the program. Evening program expected to end @ 9:30 pm. Doors will open @ 5:45 pm and the US Navy Band will start playing at that time. Mai Martinez from Channel 2 is coming.
 - Media – Irene Cualoping – need final numbers – need VIP final list four days prior – provide the VIPs to Jaz Park via email. Irene and Doug are doing a call with Asian Media for the VIPs. Asian Media needs to be invited by the community leaders and pay for them. Sometimes corporations donate back seats and those can be used for the Asian Media. Need volunteers. Updated schedule will be out on the ENERI blog and AACC site.
 - Corporate sponsors – Mr. Luan Nguyen & Irene Cualoping – Not all committed funds are in. Just under \$40,000 including uncollected funds. Still waiting for a contribution that has been semi approved - BCBS of IL, American Family Insurance, CNA, Horseshoe Casino, Popular Community Bank, R.M. Chin & Associates, The Hartford (thank you C.C. Chan), Nielsen and some from ads. Thank you Aurora for helping with BCBS. Dr. Hieu stated that funds from BCBS for health fair, American Family for the banquet, and Nielsen for the choirs and dances.
 - Dr. Hieu announced - appreciation dinner at which time we'll provide progress report (results of the event) and financial report.
 - Ticket Sales – 57 tables includes the holds, awardees and corporate sponsors. Irene will put out another press blitz. There are people buying 1 or 2 tickets – should put them together to make tables. The guarantee is 700. Not the normal year - maximum of 10 corporate sponsors. Seating capacity is over 1,000. We need to sell at least 13 more tables.
 - Program Book – more than 90% complete – taking a final look on Thursday before submitting on Friday - about 152 pages including about 4 pages of AACC history.
 - Interfaith Prayer – Raj Mago – 4 to 4:30 Mass of Thanksgiving by Bishop Alberto Rojas – 4:30 to 5:30 interfaith prayers and several religions represented each will have 4 to 5 minutes for prayers, presentations, music, singing, etc. – theme: harmony and prosperity – spiritual music to start the program.
8. Review Day-of-Event roles and responsibilities – Doug Nguyen
- Sound/Technology - setup Friday morning – sound check in the afternoon – will test songs for dances – everything will be in the computer and will be numbered appropriately in accordance of program order.
 - Corporate Sponsors Logos – there may be no down time to flash logos on the screen
 - Dry run of performances on Saturday from 1 to 3 pm
 - 9:00 am - Registration Area both health fair and for dinner at the long area by where coat check is usually. Coat check area has been moved a little further down.
 - There will be an interview area near the exhibit tables' area.
 - VIPs will be checked in and walked to the ballroom.

Meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Next meeting: Wednesday, February 20, 2013 @ 6:30 p.m. – Hyatt Regency O'Hare

Minutes prepared by Donna Robbins, 2013 AACC Secretary