



# *The Alliance*

July 10, 2007

## BOARD MEETING MINUTES

**Location:** Leaf & Bean (19<sup>th</sup> & Columbia)

**President:** Kimberly Romero

**Present:** Kim Romero, Linda Blauwkamp, Marvin Younger, Bin Lim, Eleanor Lopez, Janie Briones, Becky Arenas, Liz Barveld, Mary Yedinak

**Absent:** No absentees

**Visitors:** Ann Weller

- **Call to order 5:00pm – Kimberly Romero**
- **Review of previous minutes – Minutes Approved**
- **Treasurer’s Report - Balance: \$4,508.28**
  
- **Review General Meeting**
  - July 13, 2007

### **Report/Discussion**

- Meeting July 13, 2007, 7:00pm – CWIT
- Marvin Younger to introduce Speaker Alexander Washington
- Holland musician Alexander Washington will share his music and the story of his recent trip to Ghana; his journey included writing his family’s name on the “Door of No Return” the area where slaves were held and the sent to America. Using guitar and Djimbe drum, Washington will present songs he wrote in Ghana.
- Bin Lim to set up for meeting including snacks and drinks

**No follow up needed**

- **Discussion of Juneteenth and Walk and Roll**
  - ACEH participation

### **Report/Discussion**

- **Juneteenth** – June 14, Kollen Park
- Board agreed participation went well and compliments were given on our presentation
- Received signatures: People interested in ACEH and our newsletter
- **Walk Roll** – June 14 – Via Maria Restaurant
- Good participation by board members and members of ACEH
- Total amount earned by ACEH members - \$442.50

**No follow up needed**

- **Old Business**

- Annual Picnic – August 5, 1:00pm – Ransom Park

**Report/Discussion**

- Liz to bring piñata and stick, candy, and paper supplies
- Eleanor will acquire rope
- Bin to provide drinks – coffee, coffee pot, pop and water
- Mary and Eleanor to provide ice and ice chests
- Kim - Balloon art
- Annie Olson – Polymer clay art
- Liz contact Greg Hulsebos to play music
- Ann Weller will contact Robert Engle to play organ grinder and accordion
- Board members requested to invite ACEH members and friends

Follow up needed by board members to execute tasks assigned

- **Old Business Continued**

- Communications – Marvin Younger

**Report/Discussion**

- Holland Area Arts Council Exhibit Opening – July 12, 2007
- Shared many of the new programs at the Arts Council
- Read minutes from Multicultural Resource Network meeting sharing upcoming events in the city of Holland and work being accomplished by various organizations
- Explanation on Ottawa County mentoring programs
- Marvin wrote a letter of support from ACEH to the Boys and Girls Club pertaining to the Gang Symposium

Follow up needed in participation and communication (as per Mr. Younger)

- **New Business**

- September 14<sup>th</sup> meeting

**Report/Discussion**

- Janie Briones has contacted Norma Luna's Mexican dance group
- Group is called "All for One" and has consented to dance for our Sept. meeting
- An explanation of what each dance means will be included in the program
- Janie will invite the King and Queen of the LAUP festival.
- Janie and Eleanor Lopez will co-ordinate serving Mexican food for the meeting
- ACEH will donate \$100.00 to group

Follow up and more discussion needed at next meeting

○ October Meeting

**Report/Discussion**

- Liz Barveld will contact Sanel Fazlic from the Bosnian Cultural Center for possible program

Follow up and discussion needed

**Other Business**

**Report/Discussion**

- Eleanor Lopez will update credit card with Register.com for our website automatic deduction from Macatawa Bank
- Greater Holland Area National Night Out – Monday, August 6, 2007 4:00 – 8:00pm at Kollen Park
- Eleanor Lopez acquired new diversity DVDs
- Eleanor will represent ACEH on the planning committee for the Summit on Racism which will be held May 2008.
- Janie Briones led discussion on meeting at a new venue.
- Group discussed fact that we need more space and privacy
- A neutral place was suggested
- Marvin Younger suggested Holland Arts Council and will follow up

Follow up and discussion is needed in acquiring a new meeting place.

**Future Meetings Recap**

- July 13 – Holland musician and speaker Alexander Washington
- August 5 – Annual Picnic – Ransom Park
- September 14 – Norma Luna’s Mexican Dance Group “All for one”. – Mexican food planned
- October 12 meeting – Under discussion – Possible Sanel Fazlic from Bosnian Cultural Center.

Follow up and future discussion needed on meetings not completely planned.

**Next Board Meeting – August 14, 2007 – 5:00pm**

**Location: Leaf and Bean – 19<sup>th</sup> and Columbia Ave. (until further notice)**