



# *The Alliance*

August 14, 2007

## BOARD MEETING MINUTES

**Location:** Holland Area Arts Council

**President:** Kimberly Romero

**Present:** Kimberly Romero, Linda Blauwkamp, Bin Lim, Eleanor Lopez, Janie Briones, Liz Barveld, Mary Yedinak

**Absent:** Marvin Younger, Becky Arenas

**Visitors:** Ann Weller

- **Call to order 5:00pm – Kimberly Romero**
  - **Review of previous minutes – Minutes Approved**
  - **Treasurer’s Report – None**
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- **Review September Meeting**
    - September 14, 2007

### **Report/Discussion**

- Meeting September 14, 2007, 7:00pm – CWIT
- Norma Luna’s Mexican dance group “All for One” will perform
- An explanation of what each dance means will be included in the program or an explanation of the history of the dance
- Janie Briones to invite the King and Queen of the LAUP festival
- Mexican food will be served
- Responsibilities as follows:
  - Janie Briones – Meat and rice
  - Kim Romero - Salsa
  - Liz Barveld – Paper products, cheese, and sour cream
  - Linda Blauwkamp – Lettuce, tomato and guacamole
  - Ann Weller – Drinks
  - Bin Lim – Tostada shells
  - Marvin Younger - Dessert
  - Eleanor Lopez – Beans and chips
- ACEH will donate money for t-shirts for the girls dancing with a cap of \$75.00

**Follow up needed by board member to execute tasks assigned**

- **Discussion of**
  - Columbia Ave. Arts Festival

**Report/Discussion**

- Linda Blauwkamp reported on Columbia Ave. Arts Festival
- September 22, 2007 – Columbia Ave. between 18<sup>th</sup> St – 20<sup>th</sup> St. – 11:30am – 10:00pm
- Music, performers, art, and food

Follow up needed for attendance – Board members attend, invite friends and fellow members of ACEH

- **Old Business**
  - Summit on Racism

**Report/Discussion**

- Meeting August 14, 2007
- Report – Eleanor Lopez
- Review of topics
  - Capitalizing on Diversity
  - Understanding our history and contemporary attitudes about race
  - Immigration: How racism clouds the issue
  - Fostering cultural competency among our youth
  - Race in the American Church
  - Crisis in Michigan: Diversity and our future

Follow up needed as ACEH continues to discuss race issues and the Summit on Racism

- **Review October Meeting**
  - October 12, 2007

**Report/Discussion**

- Meeting October 12, 2007 – CWIT – 7:00pm
- Liz Barveld has contacted Sanel Fazlic to speak about the Bosnian Cultural Center and the mosque owned by the Cultural Center in Grand Rapids
- Plan to have him also speak about “his journey” , what he hopes to accomplish with the Cultural Center, what he wants Americans to know about the Bosnian Culture and Muslims, and experiences he has had in our country
- Asked to bring his traditional dance group and also anyone from the Bosnian Cultural Center
- A question and answer session will follow
- Board agrees to pay a fee for expenses or for use as a donation to the Bosnian Cultural Center

Follow up at next meeting - Follow up by Liz with an additional contact with Sanel Fazlic

**Next Board Meeting – September 11, 2007 – 5:00pm**  
**Location: Holland Area Arts Center – 150 East 8<sup>th</sup> St.**