



# The Alliance

September 11, 2007

## BOARD MEETING MINUTES

**Location:** Holland Area Arts Council

**President:** Kimberly Romero

**Present:** Marvin Younger, Janie Briones, Linda Blauwkamp, Liz Barveld, Eleanor Lopez

**Absent:** Kimberly Romero, Bin Lim, Becky Arenas, Mary Yedinak

**Visitors:** Ann Weller, Natalie Avila

- **Call to order 5:00pm – Eleanor Lopez Vice President**
- **Review of previous minutes – Minutes approved with correction**
- **Treasurer’s Report - Balance: \$3,908.09**

- **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
- Dance Instructor: Doninique Vargas
- Dancers: Lenora Mendoza, Marlene Perez, Vanessa Tijerina, Yvette Tijerina, Anisa Morales and Ciana Morales
- An explanation of what each dance means will be included in the program or an explanation of the history of the dance.
- Ann Weller will provide handouts for the tables on dances, Hispanic Heritage Month, and Mexican Independence Day.
- Agenda for meeting:
  - Mexican Dinner to be served at beginning of meeting
  - Kim Romero – introduce ACEH and Herb Weller
  - Herb will give a very brief overview of what the Mexican Independence Day means
  - Janie Briones – introduce Norman Luna and the dancers
- ACEH will donate money for t-shirts for the girls dancing with cap of \$75.00
- Responsibilities as follows:
  - Dean & Mary De Ridder set up tables and chairs
  - Janie Briones – Meat, rice, and tostada shells
  - Kim Romero - Salsa
  - Liz Barveld – Paper products, cheese, and sour cream
  - Linda Blauwkamp – Lettuce, tomato and guacamole
  - Ann Weller – drinks and cookies
  - Marvin Younger – Tres leche cake
  - Eleanor Lopez – Beans and chips
  - Mary Yedenak – Buñuelos

**Follow up needed by board members and volunteers to execute tasks assigned**

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

**Report/Discussion**

- Meeting October 12, 2007 – CWIT – 7:00pm
- Sanel Fazlic to speak about the Bosnian Cultural Center and the mosque owned by the Cultural Center in Grand Rapids
- Liz Barveld has contacted Sanel Fazlic via phone and email. Ann Weller will provide handouts for the tables about the Bosnian Cultural Center
- Plan to have him 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 of \$100.00 for expenses or as a donation to the Bosnian Cultural Center

Follow up needed by Liz with additional contact and information Mr. Fazlic may need

- **New Business**
  - Ideas for November and January 2008 Meeting

**Report/Discussion**

- Angela Taylor Perry from Faith Reformed church suggested as a speaker for November meeting
- Ann Weller informed group that January 2008 will be the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of ACEH

**Follow-up needed**

Janie Briones will contact Angela Taylor Perry

**Other Business**

- Introduction of Natalie Avila

**Report/Discussion**

- Natalie Avila is a junior at Holland High School with activities including singing and Dutch Dance. She also works at Family Fare in Holland.
- Works in many community activities – Church work with young children as well as is an alumni of the Neighborhood Leadership Academy.
- Natalie’s mother is from Mexico and owns her own beauty salon Her father is from Honduras. She has 3 brothers and 1 sister and is the youngest member of her family.

**Motion:**

- Marvin Younger moves we accept Natalie as a board member.
- Passed unanimously
- Natalie accepts our invitation to serve on ACEH board

**Follow up needed**

Natalie, as a High School student, will bring ACEH Board ideas on racism from her perspective

## Other Business Continued

- Summit on Racism

### Report/Discussion

- Meeting August 28, 2007
- Report – Eleanor Lopez
- Review of topics
  - Race in the American church
  - Immigration
  - The Bottom Line
  - Fostering cultural competency among our Youth
  - Crisis in Michigan
  - White Flight
  - Understanding our history and contemporary attitudes

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

## Future Meetings Recap

- Back to School Bash

### Report/Discussion

- Friday, September 21 – 8pm – 11pm
- Youth 6-12<sup>th</sup> grade
- Objective of event is to provide a safe and positive place for youth
- Organizations participating and donating to the actives
- ACEH will provide brochures to explain the purpose of our group, mission statement and general information
- ACEH will donate pop for the youth

**Follow up needed by Ann to provide our donation – Eleanor brochures**

- Columbia Arts District 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
- Artist's booths
- Live Music Stage
- Performance Stage
- Movie – “Annie Hall”
- Good Food

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

**Next Board Meeting – October 9, 2007 – 5:00pm**

**Location : Holland Area Arts Center – 150 East 8<sup>th</sup> St.**