



The Alliance

October 9, 2007

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Location: Holland Area Arts Council

President: Kimberly Romero

Present: Kimberly Romero, Bin Lim, Becky Arenas, Mary Yedinak, Marvin Younger, Linda Blauwkamp, Liz Barveld, Natalie Avila

Absent: Janie Briones, Eleanor Lopez

Visitors: Ann Weller

- **Call to order 5:00pm – President Kimberly Romero**
- **Review of previous minutes – Minutes approved with correction**
- **Treasurer’s Report - None**

- **Review October Meeting**

- October 12, 2007

Report/Discussion

- Meeting October 12, 2007 – 7:00pm – CWIT
- Jeremy Vance of Compassion International will speak as well as show a slide presentation.
- He will share his overseas experiences and give information about the organization that he says “not only changes the lives of children” but has changed his life forever.
- Founded in 1952. Compassion International is a US – based child advocacy ministry focusing on the spiritual, physical, economic and social needs of some 800,000 children in 24 countries.
- Vance, 31, lives in Wyoming, MI and became involved with the organization 10 years ago. He is a graduate of Grand Valley State University with a degree in criminal justice.
- Board agrees to pay Mr. Vance a \$50.00 fee.

No Follow Up Needed

- **Review November Meeting**

- November 9, 2007

Report/Discussion

- Meeting November 9, 2007 – 7:00pm – CWIT
- Becky Arenas to contact Angela Taylor Perry from Faith Reformed Church as speaker.
- Liz Barveld to contact Sanel Fazlic to speak about the Bosnian Cultural Center, as a speaker, if Ms. Taylor Perry is unable to speak.

Follow Up Needed – Becky and Liz

- **Review December Meeting**

- December 8, 2007

Report/Discussion

- Meeting December 8, 2007 – 5:30pm – First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, 57 West 10th St, Holland – Annual Holiday Banquet and Cultural sharing party.
- Mary Yedinak will chair the event.
- Kimberly Romero will make sign-up cards for volunteers to sign at next general meeting.
- Board agrees to give donation to First United Methodist Church for use of building.
- Ann Weller and Liz Barveld will help chair with list of events usually planned at Holiday Banquet
- Marvin Younger suggests that we announce that 2008 will be the start of a 10 year celebration for the Alliance for Cultural and Ethnic Harmony. He also states that we should announce that we will need new board member in 2008 for board members expiring terms.
- Eleanor Lopez to revise contact list with correct information and list board members terms.

Follow up needed

- **New Business**

Report/Discussion

- Ann Weller reports that we will receive a free ad in the magazine Enterar which will be needed by the end of October
- Board discusses:
 - Personal story about Alliance
 - Using information from the Alliance's Brochure which tells who we are, our mission statement, etc.
 - Sharing statement from three members "I am part of the Alliance because"

Follow up Needed by Ann Weller

Other Business

Report/Discussion

- Ann Weller will draft letter to email to members to remind them of renewal date for membership
- Included will be groups/activities supported by ACEH and the dollar amount we contributed

Follow up needed – Ann Weller

Other Business (continued)

Report/Discussion

- Marvin Younger reports on Riverside, N.J. and how the town rethinks laws against illegal immigrants
- Township had decided to enact legislation penalizing anyone who employed or rented to an illegal immigrant
- Within months, hundreds and hundreds, of recent immigrants from Brazil and other Latin American countries had fled
- The law had worked and the local community suffered and the economy plummeted causing shops to close
- The town rescinded the ordinance
 - Marvin reports on nominating someone from ACEH for the Social Justice Award with the Human Relations Committee from the City of Holland

Community Events

- Saturday, October 13th – 10:00 am – 2:00 pm – Deanna’s Playhouse Birthday Party – Corner of Adams(16th Street) and Country Club Road
- Saturday October 20th – 8:00 – L.E.A.P West Michigan hosting its 1st Annual “Educating our Youth Walk” – West Ottawa Harbor Lights Middle School, 1024 136th Ave., Holland – Ends at West Middle School, 500 W. 24th St., Holland
- Wednesday, October 24 – 4:00pm - Mass Auditorium – Artist Hubert Massey – No charge

Future Meetings Recap

Report/Discussion

- Marvin Younger suggests Hubert Massey – artist from Hope College – Massey is a muralist. A commissioned work by Massey is not simply a piece of art. It represents an integral part of the building on which it is installed, the street, sidewalk or floor beneath it, and the community in which it resides. It is thoughtful and carefully planned to enhance the public aesthetic and create a connection to the community.
- Ann Weller suggests DVD from Derick Emerson – Director of Arts and Co-Chair of Immigration Symposium

Follow up needed

Next Board Meeting – Tuesday, November 6 – 5:00pm (Note Change from Tuesday November 13 to November 6.)

Location: Holland Area Arts Center – 150 East 8th St.