



The Alliance

May 6, 2008

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Location: Holland Area Arts Council

Interim President: Marvin Younger

Present: Natalie Avila, Norma Luna, Rev. Angela Taylor Perry, Mary Yedinak, Becky Arenas, Janie Briones, Linda Blauwkamp

Absent: Jack Hyde

Visitors: Eleanor Lopez, Bin Lim, Ann Weller, Liz Barveld

- **Call to order – Interim President Marvin Younger:** Congratulated Board Members Natalie Avila, 3rd Runner Up Queen contest LAUP Fiesta; Norma Luna Performance at Fiesta, “All for One” dancers
- **Review of previous minutes:** – Minutes approved
- **Treasurer’s Report:** - Balance \$3241.43 – Approved to give quarterly reports

- **Review Election**

Report/Discussion

- Marvin Younger welcomed new board members: Natalie Avila, Jack Hyde, Norma Luna, Rev. Angela Taylor Perry and Mary Yedinak.
- Officers and Committee Assignments
 - Interim President: Marvin Younger
 - Vice President: Mary Yedinak
 - Secretary: Jack Hyde
 - Treasurer: Janie Briones
 - Fund Development Coordinator: Mary Yedinak
 - Events Committee Chair: Linda Blauwkamp
 - Outreach Committee Chair: Marvin Younger
 - Membership Coordinator: Angela Taylor Perry
 - UNITY: Natalie Avila, Linda Blauwkamp, Norma Luna
 - Webmaster Manager: Kenneth Cooper
 - Newsletter & Database List: Ann & Herb Weller
 - Communications Chair: Becky Arenas

Follow up may be needed for all to understand and accept assignments

- **Review June General Meeting**
 - June 13

Report/Discussion

- Friday June 13, 7pm – CWIT
- Video, “Blue Eyes,” with discussion facilitated by Rev. Angela Taylor Perry. This powerful video is based on an exercise developed by teacher/diversity trainer Jane Elliott, in which people were treated differently based on their assigned eye color; the message it illustrates is about discrimination.

No follow up needed

New Business

- Future Meeting Ideas

- **Report/Discussion**
 - **July Meeting**
 - Suggest Videos or stories – Immigration
 - Contact Bert Jara who has presentation on immigration
 - **Sept Meeting**
 - Suggest Pot Luck to celebrate Mexican Independence Day
 - Sept is “Tulipanes” and volunteers are needed: Date Sept. 21

Follow up needed

Other Business

- CWIT May Baskets

Report/Discussion

- The Center for Women in Transition is collecting “May Baskets,” which are laundry baskets filled with personal care and household cleaning items for its clients and their families
- ACEH is supporting this project: Ann Weller will have a laundry basket on her front porch and members can put supplies in basket. Ann will deliver to CWIT. Ann’s address is 87 West 14th St. and all items must be donated by Friday, May 23.

No follow up needed

Thank You

Report/Discussion

- Thank you to Ann, Bin, & Marvin – Education & Diversity Seminar at Great Lakes Elementary School
- Eleanor Lopez for our informational contact - date and times sheets
- Gang Symposium – Marvin Younger, Janie Briones

Future Events Recap

- May 12th – 6:30pm “All For One” – Brown Bag Lunch and Dance – Kollen Park Shell
- July 4th – Muticulture Celebration – Kollen Park
- August 4th – National Night Out – Kollen Park
- September 21st - Tulipanes

Future Meetings Recap

- **ACEH Members Participation in future events**

Report/Discussion

- **Lakeshore Region Summit on Racism – May 20 – Registration 7:30am – Dimnent Memorial Chapel**

- Eleanor Lopez Coordinating

- **May 19 – Packet Organizers**

- Linda Blauwkamp
- Ann Weller
- Natalie Avila
- Mary Yedinak
- Bin Lim

- **May 20 – Registration Volunteers**

- Janie Briones
- Marvin Younger
- Angela Taylor Perry

- **Juneteenth – June 21st – Kollen Park - Volunteers**

- Mary Yedinak
- Ann Weller
- Marvin Younger
- Bin Lim
- Eleanor Lopez
- Janie Briones
- Liz Barveld

Follow up needed by volunteers

Next Board Meeting – June 3, 2008 – 5:00pm

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