



# *The Alliance*

June 3, 2008

## BOARD MEETING MINUTES

**Location:** Holland Area Arts Council

**President:** Marvin Younger

**Present:** Marvin Younger, Mary Yedinak, Becky Arenas, Angela Taylor-Perry, Linda Blauwkamp

**Absent:** Jack Hyde, Natalie Avila, Norma Luna, Bin Lim

**Visitors:** Ann Weller, Liz Barveld

- **Call to order – President Marvin Younger**
- **Review of previous minutes – Minutes Approved**
- **Treasurer’s Report:** Balance \$3313.48 – written report to be given at July board meeting

### 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.
- Linda Blauwkamp will follow up with Unity. Depending on age, may have them watch video or provide a craft for the children to create.

Follow up needed by Linda Blauwkamp and Unity Committee which includes Linda, Norma Luna, and Natalie Avila

### Review July General Meeting

- July 11

#### Report/Discussion

- Friday July 11, 7pm, CWIT
- Suggestions – Linda Blauwkamp and Ann Weller
- Immigration meeting including people from different countries whom have immigrated to America.
- Speakers to include Elsa Hyde, an immigrant from Austria
- Suggested speakers from Mexico, Canada (3 generations of history on immigrating from Canada), Ukraine, Cambodia, and Africa
- Suggest contacting Bert Jara to speak on current immigration laws

Follow up needed by Linda and Ann – More discussion next board meeting

## New Business

- Juneteenth

### • Report/Discussion

- Saturday, June 21, 1:00 – 5:00pm Kollen Park
- Bin Lim – Treasurer to pay fee for our participation
- Annie Olson – Clay Art – 1:00 – 3:00pm
- Schedule as follows:
  - ❖ 11:00am – 1:00pm – Set Up including table, Brochures, Newsletter, Banner, etc.
    - Eleanor Lopez
    - Marvin Younger (12:00 – 1:00pm)
    - Becky Arenas
  - ❖ 1:00 - 3:00pm
    - Ann Weller
    - Liz Barveld
  - ❖ 3:00 – 5:00pm
    - Linda Blaukamp
    - Bin Lim

Follow up needed by above volunteers

## Future Meeting Ideas

### • Report/Discussion

- August Potluck – Sunday, August 10 – Ransom Park
- Sept. – Possible Hispanic event with potluck, dancing, and Invitation of “Fiesta” King – Queen and Court
- Native American Event
- Interracial Marriages
- Racism and White Privilege by Mary Inman
- Disability Network – Speaker on disabilities (apparent and hidden or not seen)
- Holiday Potluck – Friday, December 5, 6pm – First United Methodist Church

Follow up needed

## Voter Registration

- Becky Arenas

### • Report/Discussion

- **Who:** You, your family, and neighbors!
- **What:** Organizing voter registration in the West Michigan Latino Community
- **When:** Monday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 – 8:30pm
- **Where:** Office of St Francis De Sales Church, St Jane’s Room  
171 West 13<sup>th</sup> St., Holland, MI 49423
- **More Information:** Call 616-610-0784

No follow up needed by ACEH board

## **Hearts and Harmony**

- Linda Blauwkamp and Angela Taylor - Perry

### **Report/Discussion**

- Angela and Linda will meet June 11
- Hearts and Harmony – Program by Rev. Angela Taylor – Perry
- Partnership of two individuals from different cultures
- Participants will discuss family, cultures, race and their differences
- Participants will share meals, experiences, etc.
- Objectives: To become a more unified cultural society and bring together races and cultures
- Commitment: One year
- Ann Weller will announce at each general meeting that ACEH plans to participate in this program

**Follow up needed**

## **More Business**

### **Thank you**

### **Report/Discussion**

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- Liz Barveld – Information “Walk and Roll” - Disability Network Thursday, June 12, 5:00 – 7:00pm, New Holland Brewing Co., 66 East 8<sup>th</sup> St. -
- Angela Taylor – Perry will print copies of ACEH brochures
- Becky Arenas discussed buying canopy for ACEH events. Passed unanimously.
- Freedom Festival – Friday, June 11

#### **Thank you**

- A special thank you to Janie Briones for her service to the ACEH Board – Bin Lim has accepted to serve as new Treasurer
- Thank you to Eleanor Lopez for Power Point presentation (received by board as E-mail attachment)
- Thank you to all for donations to CWIT and to Ann Weller

**Follow up needed for purchase of canopy and help for Angela with brochures**

**Next Board Meeting – July 1, 2008 – 5:00pm**

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