



The Alliance

Date: July 7, 2009

Board Meeting Minutes

Location: Faith Church

President: Marvin Younger

Present: Marvin Younger, Bin Lim, Victor Orozco, Angela Taylor Perry, Natalie Avila, Francisco Panuco, Yessenia Aguirre, Jack Hyde

Absent: Lucia Rios, Norma Luna, Jauanna Jackson, Mary Yedinak

Guest(s): Ann Weller, Eleanor Lopez

1. Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 5:25 P.M. by President Marvin Younger. A new Board contact list was distributed. Marvin welcomed and introduced our new student representatives – from West Ottawa, senior, Francisco Panuco who is looking forward to studying psychology in college and from Hope College, sophomore, Yessenia Aguirre, a Psyc. and Spanish major.

2. Minutes: The Minutes of the June 2, 2009 ACEH Board were reviewed and approved by common consent.

3. Treasurer's Report: Report was reviewed and approved by unanimous vote.

4. Old Business

- Review of the Junteenth celebration and our involvement. The program at Kollen Park was well attended, affirming and the kid's project (making beaded bracelets) was popular. There is a need for more publicity on the north side.

5. New Business

- August 9 Tenth Anniversary celebration/picnic at Kollen Park.

- There is need for music – an iPod through a boom box is planned.
- Children's activities – Piñata (possibly from Natalie's mother who makes them), games and volleyball.
- Bin will secure the pavilion and check on electric hookup possibilities.
- We will try to borrow a P. A. system (from Greg Husbos)
- We will set up a laptop with a loop of photos from Alliance events.
- Commemorative T-shirts will be offered for a \$10.00 minimum donation. The design was reviewed and approved by the Board. A variety of sizes is important.
- Additional supplies needed for the event were discussed and planned for.
- The Mayor's Office has yet to respond about a City Council resolution honoring the anniversary of the Alliance.

- MAC TV Promo - Photo slides will be provided to supplement the interview of Marvin and Ann. The event will be to promote the Alliance and to lift up its 10th anniversary.

- A Public Address system and digital projector continue to be needs of the Alliance.
- July Alliance event – Disability Awareness – Housing will be July 10 at 7 PM at the Center for Women in Transition. Jack Hyde will introduce the topic and Lucia who will, in turn introduce the panel members she arranged to appear.

6. New Business

- Program ideas –
 - our new student reps were encouraged to submit program ideas as they wish.
 - The speakers for the October (Amy Otis – International students, Hope College) and November (Joselyn Bensen – voting rights) ACEH meetings have been confirmed.

7. Announcements –

- Request from a Mr. Mark Strauer (mortgage broker) for brochures to share at his newly developed People’s Resource Center. Brochures will be provided.
- No new news about Tulipanes where we plan sponsoring a film in memory of Gary Pepe.
- Resthaven Encore Awards – Marvin reported on an award program to celebrate senior citizens in the area who have made substantial contributions to the community after the age of 65. Nominees must be at least 70 yrs. old.
- Jack Hyde will be absent from the September 8 Board meeting – Mary Y. may be acting secretary.

8. Bringing our voices into the room – Angela led the group in a brief “go-round” giving each member a chance to get to know one another better.

9. Adjournment – 6:45 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by common consent.

Jack Hyde, secretary