



The Alliance

Date: January 24, 2012

Minutes of Board of Directors

(February 2012 meeting)

Location: WELLER'S home – 87 w. 14TH St., Holland

Vice President pro tem: Jack Hyde

Present: Jack Hyde, Patricia Bradfield, Al Minert, (Marvin Younger proxy to Ann Weller), Ngoc M. Pham, Bin Lim, Jen Ramirez, Yadah Ramirez

Members absent: Marvin Younger, Yessinia Aguirre, Norma Luna, Rev. Angela Taylor-Perry, Lucia Rios.

Guest: Ann Weller

1. Call to Order: (5:30 P.M.) Jack Hyde called the meeting to order. Jack thanked Ann Weller for hosting the meeting.

2. Minutes – The Minutes of the January 3, 2012 Board were reviewed and approved unanimously.

3. Treasurer's Report – Treasury total as of this date - \$3861.02; Gary Pepe Memorial Fund - \$2183.12.

Board actions:

- It was moved, seconded and unanimously approved that a sum of \$37.00 be reimbursed to Ngoc M. Pham for expenses incurred from the postponed January ACEH general membership meeting, "Passport to Vietnam".
- It was moved, seconded discussed and unanimously passed that at the February 9 general membership meeting at the CAAAH presenting a film on Black History, that a free will offering be taken and that the Alliance make up any shortfall totaling \$50.00 or less as a donation to the hosting organization.
- The Board agreed by common consent that the Alliance share in the cost of refreshments for the March general membership meeting at Hope College highlighting Hope's foreign students.
- It was moved, seconded and unanimously passed that the Treasurer's Report be accepted as presented.

Informational item for Board – Member, Marcia DeWild has proposed a significant donation to the Alliance to encourage a program honoring the memory of Becky Arenas. The Board brainstormed some ideas and tabled decisions related to this pending further discussion.

4. Passport to Vietnam Program rescheduled – Due to a change in schedule for the previously planned, Hearts in Harmony for April, Passport to Vietnam will be presented at that time, April 13, 2012.

5. Hearts in Harmony will be presented in May of logistics for presenter, Angela Taylor-Perry, can be worked out.

6. Announcements

- **TEDx (Technology Entertainment Design website)** will be holding an all-day seminar at Knickerbocker Theatre on March 8, 2012. It will be a program on how local citizens can help their communities. To participate one must pre-register (fee \$20.12) and be accepted. Lunch is included.
- MicroWest Michigan – Ann alerted Ngoc to investigate whether or not the Alliance can participate/benefit from this initiative.

7. Board of Directors Elections for 2012

Terms are expiring for:

Pat Bradfield – (has agreed to run for another term)

Jack Hyde – (will seek no further term)

Bin Lim – (has indicated he will seek another term)

Angela Taylor-Perry – (has implied she will be unavailable to serve another term on the Board.)

Lucia Rios – (there has been no indication of her intentions)

Yessenia Aguirre – (term not expiring but there has been no indication of her intentions regarding fulfilling her current term)

We will need 2-4 candidates for the Board of Directors.

8. Adjournment 6:30 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Hyde, secretary

4. Holiday Potluck

Reviewed:

Attendance – was strong considering there were many competing events drawing our constituents in different directions.

Silent Auction – the revised bidding and awarding of winning bids process worked well. The number and variety of donations spoke well of the generosity of local businesses and also of the legwork of the Board Members.

Entertainment – The magician was excellent. The number of musical performers was more than necessary. The children's activities were popular with the few young children who attended.

Food – we nearly ran out of food

Considerations for 2012:

- schedule the same weekend for 2012
- run the auction the same way
- have musicians that reflect the diversity of the community
- have supplementary food available (lasagna or donations from local minority owned businesses)

5. January plans – Life in Viet Nam -Presenter Ngoc M. Pham will be contacted regarding her requirements for the presentation and refreshments. The AV setup and refreshments were arranged.

6. Items of mutual interest

- With Rev. Angela moving, the **April event** she was planning on doing will have to be confirmed or replaced with another. (Jack)

- The spring event featuring the **Hope College foreign students** will be confirmed with Amy Otis Grau at Hope. (Jack)

- **The Phelps Scholar Program** at Hope College reported on survey results regarding the comfort levels of minority students at Hope. It indicated much needs to be done to address those concerns.

- **The February 10 event** – Southern Poverty Law Center Video on Civil Rights will highlight Black History Month. Ann Weller will contact Ruth Coleman to see if the Center for African American History and Art will be available to host the program. Ann will also contact Prof. Fred Johnson to see if he could be the presenter of the video.

Respectfully submitted,
Jack Hyde, scty.