

## IWA Board Meeting Minutes

**Venue: 3181 Soldiers Home Road, W. Lafayette (Deepa's house)**

**Time & Date: 2PM, Feb 6<sup>th</sup> 2010**

**Members Present: Renu Bajaj, Deepa Divakaran, Medha Gore, Sangita Handa, Sangeetha Kolla and Monal Patel.**

### **Agenda#1 Holi Cultural Program Venue - Status Update and Review**

*This emergency board meeting was convened, primarily, to discuss the findings of Medha Gore, who was assigned with the responsibility of locating a venue for Holi cultural program. Medha had previously reported to the board about her difficulty in locating a suitable venue for the cultural program. She had contacted West Lafayette School Corporation, Tippecanoe School Corporation, Lafayette School Corporation, Central Catholic High School, Eagles Lodge, Long Center for the Performing Arts and several other places in town for an auditorium to hold the Holi cultural program. Some of these places were already reserved, some too expensive to afford and others were not large enough to hold a crowd in excess of 200 people.*

*As of today, the IWA board is left with three options*

- 1) **University Plaza:** *The banquet hall is available for April 25th and a rehearsal date is available for April 23<sup>rd</sup>. The rent for hall & dinner will be approximately \$5800. Outside caterers are not permitted inside University Plaza.*
- 2) **Faith Christian School:** *The auditorium is available for the last week of March.*
- 3) **Purdue University:** *Tie up with a Purdue student organization to explore the possibility of renting a Purdue University facility.*

***The board reviewed these three options and reached the following conclusions.***

- 1) **University Plaza** *was ruled out due to the cost factor and the inability to cater from an Indian restaurant.*
- 2) **Faith Christian** *was ruled out due to the clashing of dates with spring break holidays. Also, it would take another week to get a final confirmation from Faith Christian authorities.*
- 3) **Purdue University** *was ruled out due to the potential legal complications and the unavailability of a dining area in Purdue premises. This option will also require another week to confirm the venue.*

*Based on the above conclusions, IWA board decided to reschedule the cultural program to October to coincide with Gandhi Jayanthi celebrations. The board also concluded that it was important to set up an IWA 2010 calendar, as soon as possible, and all reservations for future programs need to be made immediately. Therefore, the board has requested Medha to contact and reserve suitable venues for all 2010 events. Medha is also requested to provide an update to the board as and when it is available. However, the first priority is to locate a venue for HOLI celebration (without*

*cultural program) to be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> week of April.*

**Agenda#2: General Body Meeting & Valentine's Day Lunch on Feb14th at Purdue Community Center**

*The board briefly discussed and finalized the details for the general body meeting. Monal Patel and Sangeetha Kolla had presented some ideas for the Feb14th meeting and had also requested funds. The budget allocated for the general body luncheon was \$50. However, the board, unanimously felt that the suggestions presented by Monal and Sangeetha were good and worth considering, and therefore, increased the total budget to \$100. The board also decided to cancel the board meeting to be held on Feb11th, 7PM at Medha's house.*

**The meeting adjourned at 4.00PM.**