

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date: 01/05/13

Venue: 3420 Boone Street,

Time: 2:00 pm

Present: Rashmi Chaturvedi, Deepa Divakaran, Lakshmi Garimella, Punam Mittal, Renu Bajaj, Anju Dev, Sangita Handa, Meena Narsimhan, Veena Sagi

The meeting started with board reviewing the stated goals and mission of IWA. IWA strives to be an independent, secular organization with an overarching goal of community outreach that includes charitable giving, working with other non-profit organizations to enhance common goals, and providing cultural and entertainment activities for the community and membership. Charitable giving by IWA is restricted to non-religious and non political entities only.

1. No-Conflict Form: Each member present signed the no-conflict form. Signed forms were submitted to trustees for further processing.

2. IWA Business for the Year

Typically every year IWA organizes the following activities - charity donation, Sanksriti newsletter, talk series and various events (valentine, Holi, diwali, picnic and garba). Coordinators were identified for some of these tasks:

- a) Charity donations - Punam Mittal and Rashmi Chaturvedi
- b) Newsletter editor – Meena Narsimhan
- c) Talk series coordinator – Sangita Handa
- d) Venue coordinator – Veena Sagi
- e) Website administrator – Punam Mittal and Charubala Balachander
- f) Minutes of meetings – Sangita Handa

2(a) Action Items

Membership Drive: The membership email will be sent out on or before Jan 15. The goal would be to distribute membership directory at Welcome Party tentatively, at least by Feb/early March.

Membership Dues and Advertising Rates: It was decided to continue with the existing rates of membership dues and advertising.

Email Policies: Based on membership survey, email communication policies of IWA were modified. It was decided that while promoting events and activities of outside groups, the initial announcement of the event to IWA members shall be followed by no more than one reminder one week prior to the event.

2(b) Calendar for 2013

Tentative dates and agenda were set for the calendar for all IWA events.

Welcome Party/Valentine Day Party – February 10/Feb 17

Tentative agenda – Presentation by ASHA representative, Distribution of a rose to each IWA member, contribution by members of non-perishable food item for Food Finders Organization of Greater Lafayette

Holi – March 30/April 6

Tentative suggestions for entertainment included presentation by Bhangra group of Purdue, Karaoke etc. Further discussion tabled for next IWA meeting.

i. Annual Picnic – Sept 7/12

ii. Garba - Oct 5/12

iii. Diwali – November 2/9

iv. Year end party – December 14/21.

A suggestion was to have different vendors to provide food.

2(c) 20th year Celebrations - This is the 20th year for IWA. The web page and IWA logo shall be modified to represent the 20th year since inception of IWA. In addition, one of the regular programs, probably Diwali program, shall be celebrated with additional pomp and show to reflect 20 years of IWA.

3. Discussion of Current Activities

With regard to implementing some of the stated goals of IWA, Rashmi Chaturvedi, has initiated conversation with non-profit organizations such as ASHA and Indiana Commission on Women. She will follow up with these organizations by inviting their representatives to meet with the IWA board, and general membership, and to initiate dialog on how to meet common goals of providing service to of needy groups of women in Indiana, and to educationally deprived children in India. Rashmi is currently working towards formalizing a formal partnership with ASHA.

4. Additional Discussion Items:

IWA Budget – The board approved the budget for 2013.

Role of Trustees- It was decided that the board meeting attendance by trustees, legal advisor and treasurer will be requested on as needed basis depending on agenda. The trustees, legal advisor and treasurer will be copied on all board communication.

Amendment to Bylaws: Changes in by-laws to reflect how many years of IWA membership a member should have in order to be considered for the role of IWA trustee. The discussion will be continued at another meeting before amending the by-laws.

IWA Accounts, Taxes, Insurance: The current board will request the outgoing team to do the needful for the year 2012.

BTCCGL: The Bharatiya Temple and Cultural Center of Greater Lafayette (BTCCGL) has expressed interest in collaborating with IWA. IWA will explore common ground with BTCCGL; as per by-laws and the secular nature of this organization. There are several programs that IWA conducts on an annual basis, which may include certain festivals such as Holi, Diwali, Garba etc. IWA is willing to sponsor at least one day of Garba festival in the BTCCGL premises, mainly through Prasad preparation and active participation in related activities. IWA is willing to rent BTCCGL premises for its activities after comparison of rates and facilities from other venues. It is not considered necessary for IWA to participate, as an organization, in fund raising activities of BTCCGL. However, individual members can choose to participate or volunteer in BTCCGL activities independently of IWA. BTCCGL shall be notified that IWA BOARD is available to meet with them on January 10 or 11th, 2013.

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 pm. Minutes recorded by Sangita Handa

Next meeting: January 20, at 2:00 pm at 3456 Hamilton Street.