

IWA General Body Meeting & Holiday Party

Dec 07, 2013

Venue: Purdue Village Community Center

Time: 3:00 pm – 5 pm

1. **Welcome by Co-presidents Rashmi and Deepa**

The co-presidents welcomed IWA members to the Annual Holiday party. They complimented IWA members on a great year full of fantastic accomplishments made possible through their united hard work. The philanthropic goals of IWA were re-emphasized. Achievements of IWA for the year 2013 were recapitulated:

- i. Partnership with ASHA was formalized early in 2013. IWA members participated in fund raising efforts of ASHA, and raised \$1000 for two projects Manasa and Diksha, currently being implemented by this organization in India.
 - ii. Partnership with YWCA was established to assist them in their Domestic Violence program. \$2500 of the funds raised through the Celebration of India event was donated to YWCA towards this program. Aparna Puri has been appointed as the representative of IWA to the Dream Team of YWCA. The Dream Team meets regularly to discuss new ideas and possible programs to implement at YWCA.
 - iii. Partnership with ICRW - ICRW is an organization that endeavors to better the situations of marginalized women all over the world through research and active programs. In 2013, IWA established partnership with ICRW successfully. IWA has donated \$2500 to the GEMS program GEMS (Gender Equity and Sensitization program) from the proceeds of COI event. GEMS program focuses on children, women and men, particularly on school children. IWA's grant of \$2500 will be merged with the larger program grant received from the Govt. of Jharkhand and some NGOs.
2. **Year End Financial Statements:** Statements were not complete due to unavoidable circumstances. It will be emailed to members as and when it is available.
 3. **COI Profits** - Initially, the projected income from the Celebration of India was \$5000, and therefore, this money had been split evenly between donations to YWCA and ICRW. After the event IWA recovered approximately \$2000 from sources owing different amounts of money to the organization. This sum of money is to be set aside for use in 2014.
 4. **Sale of Cook Books** – Approximately 224 cook books were printed. All were sold with the exception of 8 books. These were placed on a corner table for sale to members.
 5. **Amazon Smile Program** – Members were reminded that IWA has joined this program sponsored by Amazon.com. A percentage of purchases made from Amazon through this program will be donated to charity.
 6. **Certificates for Indiana Ice Hockey** – These are still available for purchase for \$30. Announcement about them will be made through the Face Book. Members can still purchase them if they wish.
 7. **Philippines Disaster Relief Fund** – Approximately \$750 have been collected through the generosity of IWA members. This collection will be closed by the following Monday and money will be dispatched to Red Cross.
 8. **Sanskriti** – Meena distributed December 2013 issue of Sanskriti to members that were present at the party and also requested them to help her distribute the remaining issues to other members that were not present.
 9. **Holiday Party** – The party was attended by 30 members. They enjoyed generous helping of cake(Tres Leche) and snacks consisting of pumpkin bread, brownies, baklava and samosas. Three games which were conducted by Sujatha contributed much to the mirth of the group. The food and games offered opportunity to members to visit with each other and enjoy each other's company in a fun environment.

Minutes recorded by Sangita Handa