

IWA BOARD MEETING 2/02/14

Venue: 3325 Putnam Street

Time: 2:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Present: Rashmi Chaturvedi, Punam Mittal, Sangita Handa, Debjaya Panigrahi, Lakshmi Garimella, Renu Bajaj and Kumari Govindaraju.

Reports

1. Membership, directory and ads for the directory. So far, 38 percent of IWA members had not renewed their memberships. However, board members are continuing to make efforts to encourage them old members to renew membership and new people to join IWA.
2. Eight DVDs of COI 2013 were sold after the event. The two remaining DVDs were handed by Sangita to Lakshmi who will place them in a box with other DVDs from the past.
3. The first YOGA session on Feb 3, 2014 was very successful, with an attendance of about 25 people. Suggestion was made to check with yoga participants in the third or fourth week of the session if would like to pay a nominal fee of \$12 or 15 for four sessions. The rationale is that if sufficient number of participants agree to pay a fee, then it may be possible to make the YOGA program more sustainable by charging fee for the program. The fee will cover the cost of renting and remainder can be put in the donation jar for DVIPP and other social projects.
4. Sanskriti – Meena has finished putting the latest issue together. Members voted to add board members' pictures in it.
5. Acknowledgement of Donations to Philippines Disaster Relief fund has not yet been received.

Pending Tasks

1. Rashmi and Lakshmi to talk to Sujatha about how she will be archiving Sanskriti issues.
2. Plan for a fundraiser – all board members to think about it.
3. Plan for e-book version of Cook book, and how much to charge for it – Sangita and Charu
4. Plan for another cookbook consisting of non-standard recipes, especially those with medicinal value eg. Turmeric ki Bhaji. Printing at the level of the quality of the current cook book may be an issue in terms of the price. Renu will take a copy of the current cook book to Purdue University printing press to evaluate how much it would cost to print such quality of a book. Co-presidents will also talk to Alka Mishra about it.
5. Set up a collaborative project with ASHA – 5 K run. All proceeds from sponsorships to be donated to ASHA.
6. Alice Anderson to be honorary member of IWA –in future, IWA will pay for her membership.
7. Seema Mattoo has donated \$200 to IWA. An acknowledgement of donation- for tax purposes, and a more personal thank-you note to be sent to her.
8. Collaboration Project with ASHA ,summer internship
9. Remind YWCA to send a thank you letter for our donation
10. Lakshmi, Debjaya and Punam to work with Gayathri on improving IWA website.

WELCOME PARTY DAY:

Saturday, February 15, 2014 from 12:00 pm – 3:00 pm, at BTCCGL upstairs room

Following tasks to be done in preparation for Annual Welcome Party:

1. Roses for IWA members to be purchased from Kroger.
2. Lunch Menu – In addition to Milk and sugar, following chaat components to be provided by board members:

Tamarind Chutney Coriander Chutney Boiled, chopped Potato Chopped Tomato Boiled Garbanzo Beans Papri Yogurt Chopped Onions, Cut green coriander, chaat masala, red pepper/salt.

3. Other items required: Gifts as prizes for winners of games, Projector, Computer, Tea, Masala for tea, Chaat Masala, sugar and milk.
4. Contact Niru Patel for Dhokla and Dahi Bade – Lakshmi, Sangita
5. Anju to check with Sharma Kitchen for donation of samosas.
6. Cake from Mama Inez - Sangita
7. Contact Sujatha for games - Lakshmi, Sangita
8. Rashmi and Lakshmi to prepare presentation for the talk
9. YWCA representatives to be invited to give a brief talk about the Domestic Violence Program at YWCA
10. Get to BTCCGL room prior to the event and make sure everything is working
11. Make an inventory of all the paper- and plastic ware belonging to IWA
12. Members asked to meet at 2:00 pm at BTCCGL on Sunday, Feb 9 to take inventory of goods belonging to IWA.
13. Members requested to reach the Welcome Party Venue at 10:30 am to prepare for the event.
14. Email invite, with a sign-up sheet for attendance to be sent to all IWA members

HOLI CELEBRATIONS – FINAL DATE MARCH 29TH, 2014 at BTCCGL from 5:30 pm – 9:30 pm

TASKS

1. Holika Dahan – Confirm with West Lafayette Police Department
2. Food – To check with Spice Nation, Curries and Chutneys, local restaurants, others
3. Tickets – Should the prices be changed or stay the same. The consensus was to increase the prices slightly to keep pace with rising prices.
4. Ticket prices per person finalized at **\$18 for IWA members, \$22 for non-IWA members, \$15 for ages 5-12, Ages 5 and under free**
5. Community culture program – Coordinators shall be Debjaya, Kumari, and all other members of the board
6. DJ - Sangita

Entertainment plans:

So far following groups are planning to perform:

7. Kavita Pai's group – not yet confirmed
8. Chandni's group
9. Debjaya's group
10. Teenage girls group – Priyanka, Nisha and Ila
11. Neeraj and Chetna (Rani)
12. Gothra Family Bhangra group
13. Another Bhangra group - ?
14. Purdue University – Marathi Fusion group
15. DJ – a local high school student who does DJing to be checked out. Sangita will check out another DJ
16. Colors for Holi to be arranged

Welcome Party and General Body Meeting

February 15, 2014, 12:00 noon – 3:00 pm at BTTCGL, upstairs room

Attendance: Over 60 IWA members (plus a couple of children)

1. Distribution of Sanskriti and Directory – A table was set up for members to pick up their copies of Sanskriti and Directory 2014, and if possible, volunteer to distribute to missing members.
2. Brief presentation by Jasmine Dowd of YWCA on their Domestic Violence Intervention, prevention and protection (DVIPP) program.
3. Food - A vast array of food was placed on tables set up along two adjoining walls of the room. Beverages offered were water and hot masala chai. Menu was chaat-oriented and consisted of Samosas (donated by Sharma Kitchen), Dahi Bade and Dhokla (purchased from Niru Patel) and different components of Papri chaat provided by board members such as fried tortilla bits, boiled potato, boiled chickpeas, chopped onions, cilantro, yogurt, green chutney, red chutney, ...
4. Introduction of of Board Members and the appointed members for specific tasks.
5. Presentation by Rashmi and Lakshmi on IWA's vision and goals for 2014.
6. Games Sujatha Ramani kept IWA members engaged and regaled with some spicy games such as Queen of Sheeba (Lafayette); Ice-Breaker
7. Clean up