

**Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes
February 1, 2008
Davis' Residence
Maplewood, MN**

Meeting was called to order at 8:08pm and presided by Tonette Burkhart, Chairwoman of the Board.

I WELCOME

A. Agenda, Oct/2007 minutes, Jan/2008 B/S and P/L statements were handed out.

II APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A. Agenda was reviewed, amended and approved by the body.

III PRESENTATION AND Q&A

A. RED CROSS CEO, Jan McDaniels

1. CSFA has donated \$33K over 10-yr period; \$6K of which went to St Paul Chapter

2. Other services offered:

- Education/Prevention, age-specific training
- Transportation at no charge, door-to-door outreach service;
(a) only available to East Metro for now; will probably cover Hennepin County in 6 months
(b) vehicles are handicapped-equipped and driven by trained volunteers
- EMS (vs pricey ambulance)
- Multi-cultural Program, culture-specific community classes
- Short term needs, e.g. victims of house fires
- Etc

3. Corruption in the Philippines? No reported anomalies

- Not an absolute guarantee but lots of monitoring, controls in place

4. Extensive paper trail from the time donation is received up to the time donation is disbursed

5. Interested volunteers undergo orientation, on-field trainings with experienced volunteers

6. Unless donation has specific designation, it goes to the general fund

7. After 9/11 and Katrina troubles with public relations, Red Cross continues to be more vigilant of informing the public of relief actions and reviewing the effectiveness of their own procedures/operations

B. PSA, Alex Jonson-RD Navarro-Pieter Sibal

1. Its own entity, no FMA or CSFA affiliation; not necessarily UofM

2. FACT was great opportunity for networking, comparing notes about leadership, etc

3. Some workshops attended: Kutkut art, prostitution problem, etc; Variety shows included: spoken word artists, etc

4. MAFA to be held on 2/22-24; Theme is “One nation. Isang bansa.”
 5. Already applied for loan but needs co-signor
 6. Most recent fundraising attempt (clubbing event) fell through when venue owner at the last minute decided to go with another (marketing) group
 7. Much of income will come from registration; \$35/student with projected attendance of 400; Registration also covers banquet, variety show
 8. Request for assistance: financial and otherwise
 9. Various levels of financial sponsorship:
 - o Platinum – \$1K
 - o Gold - \$500
 - o Silver - \$300
 - o Bronze - \$100
 10. Various forms of volunteering:
 - o Serve food
 - o Registration table
 - o Stamp
 11. PSA-MSP does not have the student numbers like Chicago for example; Incumbent leaders working on training the younger students when leaders move on
 12. Leaders are making an effort to not recruit mass numbers but on a more personal note (get newbie comfortable and be accepted) one by one
- For more information, please refer to written report handed out at the meeting

IV REVIEW OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

- A. Oct minutes were reviewed and approved by the body.

V REVIEW OF MOTIONS

- A. Reimbursed PSA for amount matching submitted receipts to date
- For more information, please refer to written report handed out at the meeting

VI FINANCIAL REPORT

- A. Petty cash amount – seed money for cash box needs (e.g., Bowling, Philippine Day, etc)
- B. Miscellaneous amount – (rounding off) sales tax payment
- C. Application for Nonprofit Exempt Status was denied; See criteria in www.stayexempt.org; But disqualification should not affect us greatly
- D. Our 501 © (3) exempt status was awarded based on educational/literary basis
- E. 2006-2007 Income and Expenses at a glance
 1. 2006 ended with a profit (+) while 2007 ended with a loss (-)
 2. PAMANA a big moneymaker
 3. Event income covers Caroling, Philippine Day
 4. FON 2006 expense > FON 2007 expense and yet FON 2007 income > FON 2006 income

- 5. 2008 starting on a deficit, need to be conscious of our spending rate (more than what we have)
- F. Helen is requesting signatories for specimen of their signatures and budget for 2008 calendar year
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VII PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- A. Filipino Leadership putting out calendar for community; to be posted on CSFA website by tomorrow (per Therese)
- B. Busy year with at least 60 events; Lots of coordination, cooperation

VIII COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. DANCE TROUPE

- 1. Recent performance was Sinulog
- 2. Thursday practice starting at 6:30pm, in preparation for Philippine Day and Festival of Nations
- 3. Philippine Day lineup are rural and igorot dances; to be coordinated with Tita Linda
- 4. Festival of Nations lineup are igorot (for Adult) and rural (for Children)
- 5. See Gaya for copies of dance troupe flyers

B. NEWSLETTER

- 1. 1200 copies printed
- 2. Ongoing inquiry from subscribers for preferred delivery: email or printed

C. PHILIPPINE SCHOLARS

- 1. Jasper's scholar, LarryLou will take up Hotel Mgmt for his undergraduate studies

D. CHARITABLE

- 1. Post guidelines and application to the website, so the public is informed
- 2. Motion was made and approved to adopt the new 2008 guidelines and application forms with the following amendment: "...Emergency Funds are subject to subsequent ratification by the board or membership..."

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IX BUSINESS AT HAND

A. BOWLING

- 1. Feb 10, Saturday, 12nn, \$12 covers 3 games and shoe rental

B. PHILIPPINE DAY

1. Mar 9, Sunday
2. Already receiving lots of calls about performing
3. Meeting with food vendors tomorrow; may have to procure their own licensed kitchen; those not attending will not be allowed to sell
4. Separate letters will go out to non-food vendors
5. CSFA will continue to be exclusive beverage vendor(water, pop); Other vendors can sell beverage as long as there is no overlap with CSFA
6. Any violations by food vendors will have their license revoked the following year; Rules are enforced by DOH
7. Randy, Landmark's technician passed away last December; new technician will likely charge more (\$150?)

C. FESTIVAL OF NATIONS

1. May 1-4; General meeting on Sunday
2. Bazaar – 1 booth only
3. Adult Program – Banga Salidsid
4. Children's Program – Fast Tinikling
5. Café – scheduled food prep at St Bonaventure; looking for volunteers

D. PCM UPDATES - Nanette Beltran

1. CSFA has donated \$11,400 over 5-years period
2. CSFA has surpassed expectations and PCM appreciates it
3. Always looking for new members especially with some pioneers retiring
4. Met with presidents of different orgs last November; Will meet again sometime in March
5. Not enough money yet, but looking at options (e.g. Hubbard Bldg): lease to buy, etc
6. No admin cost; only expenses right now are newsletter, office lease
7. To date, \$130K (hard cash – profits, donations) in TCF bank; 500 families gave (no matter how small); \$10K pledges yet to be collected; How much more is needed?
8. With the rising cost of fuel, is maintenance really doable? Hopefully get support from the 10K Fil-Am community in Twin Cities
9. Leased space at Gustilo Center is testing ground; Some Fil-Am organizations have availed of the facilities- FMA, PSGM, UPAM, FMS, FMYO
10. Provision exists in constitution to protect the misappropriation of the money, in the event that the center does not become a reality
11. Unfortunately, goals established in 2001, have yet to be realized; at crossroads, decision needs to be made (to quit or proceed) sometime this year

- X NEW BUSINESS
- A. WINTERFEST
1. Effort to continue building relationships; Overnight at the Rivera's, snow tubing at Afton Alps, for approximately 15 kids and 5 chaperones
 2. Originally scheduled for Feb 22-23 but may be postponed to Feb 29-Mar 1 (to accommodate PSA's MAFA needs); Jose to check against family schedule
 3. Volunteers include: Ed, Jasper, Nina, Jose and possibly some PSA members
 4. Nina to get list of kids from Gaya; Open to ages 7-12 only; Waiver form required
 5. Original suggested fee is \$5/kid to cover snacks, breakfast, lunch, 2-hrs snow tubing; \$350 approved budget (from Y/A) to cover the rest
 6. Why not have a suggested donation of \$10/kid instead and surplus goes back to Y/A? Surplus becomes seed money for other forthcoming youth events
- B. REQUEST FOR 2008 NOMINATION FROM THE COUNCIL ON ASIAN-PACIFIC MINNESOTANS
1. Past individual recipients include Mar; potential individual nominees include Glen, Lillian
 2. Will need essays from different people
 3. Why not nominate CSFA, in general? Jose will take care of it
- XI ANNOUNCEMENTS
- A. Next membership meeting on 07Mar08 at the Alojado's, Woodbury
 - B. FMA Debutante's Ball on 09Feb08
 - C. Annual bowling tournament on 10Feb08
 - D. FON dress rehearsal moved up from 09Mar08 (Phil Day conflict) to 08Mar08
 - E. Philippine Day on 09Mar08
 - F. CSFA shirts available for sale; calling cards available for free
 - G. 'Nanking' documentary showing at Landmark theatre from Feb 1-7
- XII MEETING REVIEW/EVALUATION

XIV ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 11:15pm

ATTENDANCE

- 1) Pearl Malit
- 2) Meding Ingenhutt
- 3) Ludy Bergenthal
- 4) Jose Rivera
- 5) Fe Castillejos
- 6) Ligaya Carlos
- 7) Randy Tigie
- 8) Judith Hiess
- 9) Jeff Hiess
- 10) Jasper Jonson
- 11) Nina Jonson
- 12) Tony Winick
- 13) Pieter Sibal
- 14) RD Navarro
- 15) Alex Jonson
- 16) Helen Hamman
- 17) Tonette Burkhart
- 18) Linda Davis

For Approval