Call to Order:
Marlon Alfonso, presiding, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Welcome and Introductions:
Everyone introduced themselves and identified their organizations, including our guests, Sheryl Wise with Family Fun Filled, Inc., and Rickie Clark with Diversity Focus Today and Trans 1 graphix.

President’s Report – Marlon Alfonso, including Marife Callender:
International Festival 2015 Theme: “National Symbols Round the World”

- Date and information about the International Festival 2015 and Set-Up Date:
  - The set-up day is scheduled for Wednesday, November 4th.
  - The event is Thursday through Saturday, November 5th – 7th, 2015.
  - The rental fee for the Exposition Hall will be $1,300 to move in and out; and, $2,600 per event day. If NCI is able to provide six or more groups of performances for the Annual Indiana State Fair, we will not have to pay for the set-up day.
  - The meeting with the Indiana State Fairgrounds Director, Michelle Leavell went very well. They will provide the stage, lighting, sound system, large screen and video equipment, clean-up, security and will have coverage about our program on Twitter, Facebook, Home School Contact at no additional charge.
  - The primarily focus for the 6:00 p.m. NCI Board meetings will cover updates/issues regarding the International Festival

- Marlon provided the Board and members with his new phone number: 317.225.7202.

International Festival 2015 – Marife Callender:
- Marife reported that she has been appointed Chair of the International Festival for 2015. Therefore, please refer all questions, with regard to the International Festival, directly to her
  - Marefi distributed copies of the list indicating the areas where volunteers are needed for the International Festival (Record copy attached). If you are interested in helping out, please contact Marefi and let her know in what capacity you would like to volunteer.
  - An advertisement piece made up like a “bookmark” was distributed for review. It contains all the information about our upcoming International Festival, including a one dollar off when purchasing one general admission ticket. (Record copy attached)
An announcement of the International Festival Chairs was submitted for review. (Record copy attached). We will welcome anyone else who would love to volunteer on this project.

**Update Report on the Indianapolis 500 Parade – Eileen Tsai:**

- Eileen reported that we have not received word from the Indianapolis 500 Parade Committee as to whether or not NCI is going to be in the Parade. The deadline is March 20th. Therefore, she will hopefully have the answer at our next NCI General Meeting.

**Secretary’s Report – Leslie Clumb:**

- With a motion and a second, the minutes of February 9, 2015, were unanimously approved as mailed.
- Minutes will be emailed to all members one week before the general meeting; please print and bring it with you to the general meeting.

**Treasurer’s Report – Alma Smith:**

- Alma indicated that for cost efficiency, the financial report will also be emailed (as the minutes were) to all members for their review. With a motion, and a second, the financial report was accepted as submitted (Record copy attached).
- Everyone was reminded that only members of NCI, who have paid their dues, will qualify to participate in any NCI event. The next upcoming event is the Indianapolis 500 Parade.
- Alma was pleased to announce that Individual Members, Pamela Gemmer and Carson Smith are Tenure members. In other words, they have paid their dues for 10 years; and, they were presented with a laminated membership card.

**International Dance Celebration – Pamela Gemmer:**

- Pamela announced that the Nationalities Council of Indiana has accepted the sole responsibility of developing the entire program and coming up with the funds to continue having the annual International Festival and its continued activities as a Family event. On behalf of the Ballet Folklorico Mosaicos Indianapolis, Inc., Pamela is holding a fundraising event entitled, “International Day of Dance.” All groups are welcomed to do a 10-minute performance representative of their homeland. Please fill out and return the registration form to Pamela. The particulars are:
  - **Where:** Crispus Attuckes Medical Magnet High School Auditorium, 1140 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Street, Indianapolis, IN
  - **Date:** April 25, 2015
  - **Time:** 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
  - **Length of Performance:** 10 Minutes
  - **Cost:** $10.00
  - A copy of Pamela’s document will be scanned and emailed to everyone who did not attend this meeting. Please think seriously of participating – NCI really needs your help.

**Announcements & Upcoming Events:**

- Ben Davis University is having their International Festival on Saturday, April 11, 2015, 12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m., at 1155 South High School Road, Indianapolis, IN 46241; Admission is $3.00 for adults and $2.00 for children, ages 6 – 18. Children under 5 are free
- The Polish Cultural Society of Indiana, Inc. is having their annual Easter Egg Painting on Sunday, March 22, 2015, from 3:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., at the Indianapolis Latvian Community Center, 1008 West 64th Street, Indianapolis, IN 46260.

Marlon extended his gratitude to Elena Miller and the Vlad The Impaler & Dracula, The Romanian Society, for the wonderful food served this evening.

**Adjournment:**

- With a motion and a second, the meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.
- The next General Meeting will be April 13, 2015, at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Leslie Clumb, Secretary