Minutes of the Meeting
Latvian Community Center, 1008 West 64th Street, Indianapolis, IN
May 11, 2015 - 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Attendance

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<td>Marlon Alfonso</td>
<td>President</td>
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<td>Eileen Tsai</td>
<td>1st VP</td>
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<td>Leslie Clumb</td>
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46 Members Attended Signed in sheets on file

Call to Order:
With a warm welcome, Marlon Alfonso, presiding, called the Nationalities Council Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., followed by everyone introducing themselves and identifying their associated organizations.

Marlon referred everyone to the agenda prepared for May 11, 2015 meeting, indicating that this will be the format used for all General Meetings of the Nationalities Council of Indiana.

Secretary’s Report – Leslie Clumb:
With a motion and a second, the minutes of April 13, 2015, were approved as corrected.

President’s Report – Marlon Alfonso:
- International Festival 2015 Theme: “National Symbols Round the World”
- There was an announcement that NCI has established a Volunteer in Service Award (a Ribbon with a Trophy) to acknowledge and recognize outstanding Volunteers who have put in so much time and hard work helping NCI in a meaningful way.

Treasurer’s Report – Alma Smith:
- The financial reports were emailed to all paid members and they were asked to print and bring a copy of it to the meeting. With a motion and a second, the Treasurer’s Report was approved as emailed. (Record copy attached)
- Alma was pleased to announce that NCI has acquired another tenure membership purchased by Marlon Alfonso in the amount of $200 for a period of ten years. A membership card was presented to him as a paid member for 2015-2025.

Update on the 500 Festival Parade - Eileen Tsai:
- Eileen reviewed the rules and regulations created by the 500 Festival Parade Committee.
- Parking will be at lot, formerly belonging to The Promotion Co. and located at 9th and Delaware.
- Parking Passes were distributed.
- Waivers were distributed as needed.
- Maria Manalang will be available to answer any questions about the 500 Festival Parade since Eileen will be out-of-town following this meeting.

International Dance Celebration – Pamela Gemmer:
The First International Day of Dance, April 25, 2015, co-chaired by the Nationalities Council of Indiana and Mosaicos Indianapolis was very nice considering it was put together so quickly. It was held at Crispus Attucks, which was a very nice facility to use and on that will be used again for next year’s event. This year’s proceeds, raised for the International Festival, came to $1,000. We will begin our plans much sooner for the 2016 program in hopes of having a more profitable event.
International Festival Committee Updates – Marife Callender, International Festival Event Manager:

Marife presented an update of where she is with the preparation of the International Festival –

- Tickets for all categories are printed and are ready for distribution – Advance Sales, VIP, Schools and General Admission Tickets.
- She sent an email to a total of 51 Commercial and Not-for-Profit Vendors - past and new, prospective vendors to spark their interest in being a part of the upcoming International Festival. Please note that NCI member cultural groups, merchandisers and food booths were not included.
- The 2015 International Festival will be promoted via –
  - Internet
  - NCI Website
  - International Festival FB
  - Festivalnet.com
  - Various Community Festivals and School Fairs
  - By Word-of Mouth
- The following have been contacted and have agreed to participate in the 2015 International Festival –
  - Italian Street Painting – Ms. Vandra Lindner and her TF is $1,500
  - Tudor Rose Players – Ms. Tina Dunn and her TF is $750
- Walk-in Giant Maps – GENI will be the one to pay the company.
- A decision was made to have NCI members and vendors pay the In-House Decorators directly.
- For a limited time, NCI members will have the opportunity to raise money for their cultural, merchandise or food booths by selling Advance Tickets at $5.00 each; member will receive $1.00 for each ticket sold.

NCI Vendor Booth Sales – Alma Smith:

- April 28, 2015 Mailed Festival Vendor Packets to paid members.
- Online payment has been established on NCI website and members have begun paying for their vendor booths online through PayPal.
- Established a system for member to pay dues/Vendor Booth with credit card at monthly meetings.
- Advanced $5 tickets are ready for sign-up and distribution at each meeting.

School Committee – Maria Manalang:

- School Tour Packets, which includes information about the tours for the International Festival have been distributed to IPS. Have yet to deliver to Parochial and Private Schools.
- School Tour Tickets are also available.

International Festival Queen Contest – Leslie Clumb:

- With a motion and a second, the 2015 International Festival Queen Contest Application was approved as emailed. The candidates 16 to 25 should provide their “TYPED” bios and pictures no later than July 13th.
- The Budget for the 2015 International Festival Queen Contest was distributed with a plea to the Officer, Board and Members to donate to the cause. In addition, anyone wanting to place an ad in the Souvenir Program may submit their request with a copy of their ad and their payment to Leslie Clumb. The costs are as follows – full page ad, $100.00; half page ad, $50.00; and business card ad, $20.00. The deadline for the ads and the monies are due on July 13.

- KUDOS to Indiana Okinawa Kenjinkai who is in the spotlight for providing wonderful food prepared for this meeting.

Adjournment:

With a motion and a second, the meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Refreshments to be served by:

Maritza Morales and Pamela Gemmer - AMIGOS

The next General Meeting will be June 8, 2015, at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Leslie Clumb, Secretary