

Asian American Festival 2007



Daley Center Plaza/Chicago

In Celebration of Asian American Heritage Month
Hosted by the Pakistani American Community/May 21-25

9th ANNUAL ASIAN AMERICAN FESTIVAL

3rd PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

April 24th 2007

MINUTES

The third Planning Committee Meeting of the Asian American Coalition of Chicago for the 2007 9th Annual Asian American Festival, was held at the Sabri Banquet Hall 6424 N. Western Ave. Chicago, IL 60645, March 27, 2007. The meeting was called to order at 6:40p.m. by Sharmeen Younus, 2008 AACC Chair.

The Pakistani American Community is the 2008 host community.

ATTENDEES

Waqas Durrani, C.W Chan, Rashid Chaudry, Sajid Chaudry, Nusrat Chaudry, Bashir Chaudry, Faisal Rashid, Fahad Sami, Afzal Sodagar, Younus Suleman, Sharmeen Younus, Hameed Khan, Mohinderjit Singh Saini, Dr. Evelyn Nativaded, Ifti Nasim, Pat Michalski, John Miller, Roosy Miller, Jelly Carandang,, Alexander Limson, Alvin Sulaiman, Martino Tangkar, Sriaroon Chantimar, Nadia Akhtar, and Fyza Parviz

I. Welcome and Introductions – Sharmeen Younus, 2008 AACC Chair

II. Old Business- Motion was passed for the last meeting and agenda

III. New Business

Committees Introduction

Committees- > **Officers, Committee, and Committee chairs were introduced as follows:**

- Corporate Sponsors: **Waqas Durrani and Anita Bower**
- Secretary: **Fyza Parviz**
- Programming: **Nadia Wilson, Nida Maniar and Kiersten**
- Technical/Webmaster: **Tariq Hasan**
- Volunteers: **Kiran Siddiqi**
- Program Book: **Fahad Sami and Saad Sami**
- Vendors: **Sharmeen Younus and Nadia Akhtar**
- Decorations: **Faisal Rashid**
- Community Outreach: **Pam Leeming**

Finance Committee Report -> Nadia Akhtar

- We currently have \$17,000 from all the vendors
- \$5000 is provided by American Family insurance
- We need to sell more ads and get more donations.
- Our projected budget is \$25000.
- The community should let us know of more sponsors for the event.

Corporate Sponsor Update->Waqas Durrani

- We have 25 potential sponsors
- We do not have any confirmed commitments as of yet.
- Companies require 8 weeks to sponsor an event.



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- Devry University is willing to sponsor for \$1500

Programming Update-> Nadia Wilson

- Rehan Aslam will be the MC on the first day
- Kiran is putting together a fashion show on May 25th
- Qasim Riaz is working with the sponsors
- We need to get contacts from different Asian communities
- We need a contact from the Korean community

Chicago public schools confirmed by Dr.Evelyn

- ➔ Contacted someone from the department of language and culture
- ➔ Got 15 buses and they will have brown bags for the kid. This is confirmed for Thursday May 24th
- Kiran knows someone who will sing the national anthem. Indonesian community also has a contact regarding this task.

Technical Update:

- Revised website will be available in a couple of weeks.
- All forms are available online
- Contact committee chair emails are listed on the website.

Volunteers Committee-> Kiran Siddiqi

- Two volunteers are confirmed. We need more volunteers to sign up.
- There should be one volunteer at the community booth.
- We need Volunteers to set up the stage
- We need volunteers from all different communities.

Program book-> Fahad Sami

- We have received the quote from Mr. Mirza.
- 1500 program books will be printed
- Mr.Mirza is providing us with sponsors for the booklet
- There will be 30 pages in the booklet. \$2.05 is the cost for each book

Vendors:

- We need more activities for the community booth

Decorations committee-> Faisal

- We are planning on a quote
- The banner will have Asian American festival on top and hosted by the Pakistani community at the bottom.



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- Dawn of a new Asia will be in the middle
- American family insurance on the side and maybe a map of Asia
- We want to provide booths to different tourism associations or have booklets of different regions of Asia.

Suggestions for the Theme of the Festival:

- Dawn of Asian Americans from New Asia
- Dawn of Asia in America
- Inspiration of Asian American

Outreach-> PAM

- We are waiting for quote from American family insurance
- Kevin will give us a quote
- 16 merchandise vendors and 5 food vendors available.
- Fred Martin has been a great help with the vendors

New Business:

- Everyone Agreed that only logo will be the festival and the official logo

Announcement:

- Mongolian kids performance on May 6th (see flyer for details)
- Mr. Younas Suleman won the Hall of Fame award.

IV. Adjournment and Next Meeting Date

The next meeting May 8th 2007 at Sabri Banquet Hall (6424 N. Western Ave. Chicago, IL 60645) located opposite to Devon Bank across the street.). April 24th meeting adjourned at 8PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Fyza Parviz

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