

CUAA Working Committee Meeting September 11, 2010

Venue: Pampa Mondal's House (5947 Montgomery Road, Elkridge, MD 21075)

Attendees: Bidhan Bandyopadhyay, Rajat Biswas, Pampa Mondal, Keya Sarkar, Lina Chakrabarti, Rita Mullick.

Kashinath Ghosh and Tapati Das could not attend the meeting; however they send e-mail to Bidhan about their opinion. E-mails about their opinion were discussed in the meeting with full consideration.

Finalizing the past meeting minuets.

All inputs to the picnic minutes were reviewed and the minutes were finalized with a few additional changes.

CUAA committee update

In the 2010 picnic some names of the committee members have been added in the cultural and food subcommittee. According to CUAA rule Spouse of the committee members are also in the committee as default.

Cultural subcommittee: Tapati Das and Pampa Mondal,

Food subcommittee: Keya Sarkar, Rita Mullick, Lina Chakrabarti, Jaba Mukhopadhyay

Bidhan will send the final minutes to all committee members requesting Dilip to post it names on the CUAA website.

Planning of CUAA annual meeting

It was decided that the annual meeting would be scheduled on November 13 at Potomac Community Center from 4 to 9 PM. Committee has concern about this year's PCC rent increase of \$40/hr; so even if we stay with current 3hrs duration it will cost \$120 more. Committee decided to find out if Briggs Cheney Middle school would have an alternative option (if they offer total \$350 instead of \$420). There are some members coming from

Baltimore and BCM will be closer to them. Bidhan will contact Dilip to have the hall reservation accordingly.

The target will be to have 80-100 people in the Annual Meeting. The committee members need to contact key people of different groups or organizations that have many CU members (e.g., Sanskriti, Prantik, NVBA, Purbachal, Dishari, Baltimore area and others).

Sub-committee functions towards the CUAA annual meeting

Cultural Program

Bidhan will send the e-mail ASAP to all the members. Upon receiving the response Tapati and Pampa will discuss with Bidhan to come up with a plan of the program and send it to the committee members for consideration as soon as possible. It was decided no money can be spent towards to cost of cultural program.

Food

Committee decided not to buy any food from the restaurant.

A menu was decided tentatively:

Snack - singarha, jhaal-muri, tea/coffee, soft drink (from store).

Dinner

Polao or plane rice and some naan, - Tapati, need another person.

Daal (Mug/chola), - need 2 person.

Vegetable curry (cauliflower and green pea) - Rajat (Mithu) and Keya

Goat meat - Lina, Rita and Jaba

Chatni - Pampa

Sweet (Rossomalai) - Sruti-di

Bidhan will contact other committee members encouraging them to ask for some help. The menu may need some adjustments.

Communication

Bidhan will send the flyer by e-mail. Committee decided not to mail the Flyer.

All committee members need to contact key people of different groups or organizations that have many CU members (e.g., Sanskriti, Prantik, NVBA, Purbachal, Dishari, Baltimore area and others). They are requested to use their personal network to the fullest. Bidhan will coordinate the effort.

Newsletter

It was proposed that the Newsletter should be published at the time of Annual Meeting.

Next Meeting

It was decided that the committee would meet again during Durga Puja. Bidhan will coordinate with the committee members to decide the actual date and time