

Asians and Friends Houston

Board Meeting Minutes

January 31, 2016

Meeting called to order at Silver Palace

Attendees: Chris Kerr, Bill Pohlchuck, Paul Kern, Dick Dicken, Michael Goh, Tony Lee, Meynard Patacsil

Review of this meeting's agenda

Agenda was presented by Chris, discussed, amended and approved.

Moved by: Dick

Seconded by: Tony

Motion Passed

Review of Minutes from last meeting

Paul read the last meeting's Minutes.

Moved by: Dick

Seconded by: Bill

Motion Passed

Treasurer's report

Wells Fargo – Business accounts – Total \$1,485.10

Minus outstanding check to Meynard of \$154.00

Operating / Checking acct balance: \$451.57 Savings acct balance: \$1033.53

Moved by: Tony

Seconded by: Bill

Motion Passed

A motion was made, followed by discussion allowing the Treasurer to handle responsibility associated with dues for new members, renewals, delinquents, etc.

Moved by: Tony

Seconded by: Bill

Motion Passed

Membership report

No pending applications

Active = 25

Delinquent = 43

The Board has decided that we will be a group that collects dues and uses those dues to support activities of the group. We are going to begin asking/reminding members for their annual dues. Chris proposed that we send an email to the membership prior to the CNY Party on 2/13/16 concerning actively collecting dues. We'll give a reminder at that event, then email reminders.

Bill informed us that there were membership email lists that needed to be reconciled. He is going to attempt sending email from a different AFH email account. Bill reviewed the membership reports and we discussed who to include on the email list.

A motion to approve the Membership Report and the actions proposed by the group listed above.

Moved by: Bill

Seconded by: Paul

Motion Passed

Discussion of Equipment, Supplies & Inventory – Plates, silverware, signs, banners. Dick has all of the items mentioned. He will create an inventory list. He will bring everything to the Chinese New Year Party. After that, Tony & Paul will keep in their possession and replenish as needed. Card table has been discarded, and we decided that it will not be replaced at this time.

Web site, Facebook, Meetup

Bill reported on the current website and Facebook. Bob will continue handling the Meetup.

Old business

Debrief Dining with Friends - The Board was happy to see that it was well-attended with several new people.

New business

Pride Parade - We will not have an entry in the Pride Parade. We will have festivities before and around the Pride Parade (downtown).

Discussion on membership application process and if we prefer an online form

Motion to put membership application online.

Moved by: Chris

Seconded by: Dick

Motion Passed

Address and membership database discussion

A motion was made, followed by discussion allowing Bill and Meynard to handle responsibility associated with moving from the Wix website back to WordPress. Meynard will investigate cheaper web server. Bill will report on progress during next Board Meeting.

Moved by: Dick

Seconded by: Tony

Motion Passed

Planning of future activities & events

February

13th - Chinese New Year: Noel and David's home. Assign tasks. Supplies, drinks, name tags, etc.
Bill will bring ice, soda

Paul & Tony gave money for dessert

Dick is bringing cooler and supplies

20th - Next Board Meeting – Café Express on West Gray at noon

March

4th - 1st Friday – F-Bar

6th – AIDS Walk

12th – St. Patrick's Day – location TBD

TBD – Dining with Friends

April

3rd - Hermann Park Kite Festival

Date TBD - Thai New Year (Holiday is the 13th – 15th)

16th & 17th - Japan Festival - Hermann Park

May

Date TBD - Picnic

June

25th - Pride Events

Date TBD - Filipino independence – possible pool party (Holiday is June 12th)

Other activities. Meetup.

A motion was made to adjourn Meeting

Moved by: Dick

Seconded by: Paul

Motion Passed