

Asians & Friends Houston
Minutes of Board Meeting held on October 13 th 2018

- 1) Approval of September Meeting Minutes - approved.
- 2) Treasurer's Report - balance is \$2296.72
- 3) Social Media Update:
 - a. Website - updates are being made to simplify the appearance of the Asians and Friends website to make it easier to use.
 - b. Facebook - continuing
- 4) Equipment Inventory Review - it was reported that there are sufficient supplies for November.
- 5) IFCON 2019 Update By Bob Decesar - a presentation was made about next year's planned trip to Puerto Vallarta, Mexico including a handout containing registration details. Asians and Friends will provide the details to our membership.
- 6) Event Review
 - a. Karaoke Party & Pot Luck Dinner - went very well and we may consider doing the Karaoke again.
 - b. October First Saturday Happy Hour & Pot Luck Dinner - Thanks to Hans and Vuthy for hosting this effervescent and well-attended party. Asians and Friends engaged a bartender for the party at a cost of \$200. We also received donations of \$137 in the donation basket. This is more than typically received and the larger than normal amount is likely due, in part, to having the bartender. It was discussed that we may hire this bartender again from time to time as funds permit.
- 7) New Event Planning
 - a. Halloween Dinner At Baba Yega's at 7 p.m. on October 27, 2018 - there will be a contest for best costume.
 - b. November First Saturday will be held at Michael's Outpost at 7 p.m. on November 3, 2018. Subsequent to the meeting, a pot luck dinner and garage sale pricing event was scheduled at 7 p.m. on Nov. 3 at Richard & Guo Xiu's house instead of meeting at Michael's Outpost.
 - c. Garage Sale will be held at 7 a.m. on Nov. 10, 2018 at Richard & Guo Xiu's Home. There may be a dinner on Friday Night, the day before the garage sale, at Richard & Guo Xiu's house. About 4 volunteers will be needed at the sale on Saturday morning.
 - d. a Pot Luck Dinner Party will be hosted by Edward and Zan at 7 p.m. on Nov. 17, 2018, at Upper Kirby Apartments, 2300 Richmond Ave., Houston TX, 77098
 - e. December First Saturday will be held at 7 p.m. on Dec. 1, 2018 at Michael's Outpost.
 - f. Christmas Party/Annual Meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Dec. 8, 2018 at Chris & Romeo's Home - The Christmas party has been catered in the past and members charged \$25 per person. Dick reported that last year 30 people attended. Asians and Friends has always anticipated to make some money from the party. There was a lengthy discussion about what kinds of food to serve and how to provide the food. Concerns were expressed about the quality of meat provided in the past by Luby's restaurant. It was discussed that food could be totally provided by a caterer, or that some

items could be cooked by volunteers from Asians and Friends in combination with catered items, or possibly that volunteers from Asians and Friends may prepare the entire meal. The President requested that any member obtain menu and price information for 35 dinners from caterers and inform the Board of the results at the November meeting so a decision can be made.

g. November Board Meeting will be held after the garage sale on Nov. 10, 2018. Subsequent to the meeting the time and place of the Board meeting was determined to be 3 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 3, 2018 at Richard & Guo Xiu's house.

8) Other Issues for Discussion - none.

These minutes are meant to be a record of discussions held and decisions made at the above mentioned meeting. Please notify Edward Pennell if any changes are needed to the above.