

SCA Chinese Heritage Club
Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, July 19, 2011, 9:00am-12:00pm
Penn Room, Independence Center

MINUTES

1. Meeting was called to order at 9:06 am.
2. Members present: Peter Tu, Kitty Zee, Claudette Peterson, Ta-Tung Meng, Carin Sung, and Lizwu Wu. Celia Chang was absent with excuse. Quorum was established. CHC member Diane McGriffin was present.
3. The June 28th, 2011 minutes were approved.

Report from Chairpersons:

- a) **Financial:** Celia was absent. Lizwu returned checkbook and petty cash to Kitty to be given to Celia on her return. A receipt was received from the SCA Foundation to Assisting Seniors for the \$200 donated by CHC.
- b) **Membership:** Carin reported that there is a total of 347 members. Some applications, not included, have been received recently. Update will be made at next meeting.
- c) **Activity/Program:** 1) Ta-Tung reported that plans for the Mid-Autumn is in place. Lizwu and Celia have scheduled meetings with members interested to assist. Diane McGriffin described to the Board the table decorations that she can make and the possible cost involved, mindful that some purchases, such as card holders, can be used annually. Motion was made by Lizwu, seconded by Kitty, that Diane research the cost of cardholders averaging cost between \$4-\$8, with a budget of no more than \$300. Board approved. Cindy Ni will also help with the artwork. Lizwu suggested that someone be responsible for collecting and storing the decorations. Dianna Shen was asked to select performing groups including those from the Karaoke clubs in SCA. The committee will give the board their final report after their August 10th meeting. Ta-Tung suggested a charge of \$2 per member and \$8 per non-members, which should keep the event within the approved budget.
- d) **Ad Hoc:** Lizwu reported that the Spirit article for September had been submitted.
- e) Kitty reported that the last Mandarin class will end this week and that the 31 participants were interested in attending future classes. A proposal will be to have 2 classes; one beginning class and one advanced class. Therefore, 6 instructors may be needed. Kitty suggested that participants pay a fee of \$5 per session to cover expenses. Classes can be offered in September. She will research and give report at the August meeting.
- f) Peter met with Greg Dryer. He suggested that Peter write a letter to SCA requesting the use of a TV in the Movement Room in Liberty Center. It would help the proposal if other clubs would support the request. Marianne Blaha has already given ICC's support. Another topic Peter discussed with Greg was the Chinese New Year celebration. Peter explained that we would collaborate with the ICC's celebration as an International affair. CHC will have its own traditional Spring Festival in celebration of the Chinese New Year.

Unfinished Business:

- a) Only one equipment request was received. This will be addressed when SCA replies to Peter's request for TV in Liberty Center.
- b) CHC will pay for the annual renewal fee of the CHC website.
- c) Mid-Autumn Committee and Budget were covered in the Activity discussion.
- d) Plan for 2012 Spring Festival: Kitty has made some contacts with volunteers to start working on this.
- e) Other CHC Activities in the plan are: Medicare: Will have more information from Dorothy Yu.

- f) Volunteers Appreciation Day will take place after the September Festival on a Game Day.

New Business:

- a) Lizwu has completed September Spirit write up.
 - b) The room request for Spring Festival celebration day will have a first choice of January 21st; with second choice of January 28th. Peter will not be able to submit the request and so he has given permission to Kitty to submit it to Sunny Nelson by 12:01 a.m. on August 1, 2011. Other possible room request involved the possible change in our monthly Game Day date. It was decided that Mah Jongg (Game Day) on the 4th Monday of the month should remain the same.
 - c) Formation of Nominating Committee: CHC by-laws state that the Nominating Committee should consist of one Board member and 3 non-board club members to be selected by the President and approved by the Board. Peter's criteria for the non-Board members are: 1) be active in club activities, 2) have some familiarity of SCA clubs such as CHC; be able to identify potential board candidates, 3) good connections within CHC; know who is who, and 4) has persuasive personalities. After some discussion, the following CHC members were identified as potential nominating committee members: Pearl Wong, Theresa Wang, Diana Shen, Thomas Cheng and Bob Fowler. Peter also had one Board member in mind to serve on the committee, but due to the uncertainty whether a member on the nominating committee can also be candidate for the next board, he will wait to announce it until the issue is clarified. It was also brought up that the By-laws state only that a person may not serve in the same CHC office for more than 2 years, not that the person may not serve on the board for more than 2 years.
 - d) For the board's attention: Peter received a letter from Chun Chen and Daniel Yang with regard to a Chinese article published about the behavior of some SCA Chinese residents at the buffet at the M casino on Wednesdays. Although concerned with the publicity brought on by this article, the Board decided that it was not within CHC's charter to address such issues. The concern should be addressed separately by the SCA Chinese Community – internally and privately. It is the discretion of the CHC activities group leaders to share such sensitivity with their members.
- 4. Adjournment at 11:56 am.
 - 5. Minutes was prepared by Claudette Peterson
Next board meeting is August 16, 2011.