

## ICA August Meeting minutes (2024/08/01)

### Present:

Board Members: Mina Mokhtari, Fariba Azad, Naazee Shafiee, Mohammad Shokouh Amiri, Ebrahim Paydar.

### Absent:

Board Members: Peyman Majidi, Mehrzad Elmi, Farid Amir Mokhtar, Behzad Namazi

### Guests: -

Meeting started at 8:00 PM

The following subjects were discussed at the meeting:

1. June Meeting Minutes was approved due to not being prepared..It will be sent out to board members within a couple of hours and be approved by tomorrow.
2. It was agreed that for introducing all the certified and registered Iranian businesses through the website, the ICA will start sending out invitation letters to businesses within the next couple of weeks. It is necessary to emphasize in the letters that the EIN number is needed only for certifying the validity of businesses by ICA and will not be used by no means or published on the website.
3. Ms. Azin Sharifi's announcement for Farsi class was put on the website based on the last meeting's approval. ICA wishes her the best.
4. For Charshanbe-Soori:
  - Mr. Mohammad Shokouh Amiri explained that getting the approval has two steps: 1) Sending email to the City - Official Department- and getting their approval for the event and the specific date. He has also booked the location for this event. 2) the application needs to get technical approval from the Special Event Department.
  - He has filled out and submitted all the required forms and has clarified some details about the event. The Special Event Department is supposed to check the forms out and make the final decision and inform Mr. Mohammad.
5. The poetry Gathering will be held on 22nd of September. The **Persian Poetry and Literature Committee** has been formed to make decisions on how to help this gathering be held. The committee consists of: Fariba Azad, Ebrahim Paydar, Parvaneh Hosseini, Mehrak Kamali, Mehrnaz Hadi, Mohamad Shokouh Amiri, Mehrzad Elmi, Farid Amir Mokhtar. They might invite guests to attend the gathering for rehearsal. Mr. Paydar suggested inviting Mr. Naraghi to the committee.



6. For Norooz:

- Based on negotiations with Villa Milano:
  - There will be 48 tables and 10 people on each that comes to a total of 480 guests. The total number of guests will be announced, when it is finalized by ICA.
  - They Will let us have tables with eight people on each table, if the total number of guests was less than 480 - guests will have more space at tables and be more comfortable.
- Check if ICA owes Mr. Hakim for last year's dinner preparation(rice)!
- **Committee for Norooz** consists of these people: Mohamad Shokouh Amiri, Mehrzad Elmi, Farid Amir Mokhtar, Fariba Azad. In October the online ticket sale will be prepared and it will be announced to the public In November or December that tickets will be available from January.
- For music, it was approved to reserve D.J.Sultan for this year as well.
- Board members are supposed to play more significant roles in the Norooz event.
- No videography for the 1404 Norooz approved.

7. Dance by Ms. Sheri Maria: ICA came to the agreement that she presents her first performance in Mehregan. Afterwards, ICA will make the final decision about her performance in Norooz.

8. The second treasury report was sent out to all members by Mr. Peyman Majidi. All the details and figures are available in the report.

9.Regarding the catering of ICA's events:

- Giant Eagle catering (suggested by Ms. Parissa) was not approved.
- It was approved to invite Charmys and Victoria alternatively for catering the events and ask them for 10% of their profits towards the ICA. This will support the Iranian businesses and would be profitable for both ICA and Iranian restaurants.
- An agreement is supposed to be sent and signed between ICA and Charmys and Victoria to make sure they will attend for catering.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m..

