

ICA May Meeting minutes (2024.05.02)

Present:

Board Members: Peyman Majidi, Mina Mokhtari, Mehrzad Elmi, Naazee Shafiee, Mohammad Shokouh Amiri, Behzad Namazi (Left 8:30)

Guests: -

Absent: Fariba Azad, Farid Amir Mokhtar, Ebrahim Paydar (Excused)

The meeting started at 8:05 pm

1. March and April Meeting Minutes approved as distributed. Meeting minutes are being uploaded to the website so it is encouraged that board members actively review these.
2. Behzad suggested that DJ Armin (more updated compared to DJ Sultan) replace DJ Sultan for Nowruz 1404. He agreed to be responsible for music entertainment in the upcoming Nowruz.
3. Suggestion for ICA name change by Mohammad Shokouh Amiri. Suggested Names: Anjoman Iranian-american, Association of Iranian-American of Columbus (not necessarily mention cultural but it will remain non-political, non-religious and non-government based on the bylaw)
 - Ideas were tossed around:
 - Pros: Not to be limited by "Cultural" In general (Mohammad), this change allows us to have some charity activities in favor of people in Iran and these activities makes ICA acceptable to more people, name change does not involve much work, only need a letter sent to the IRS notifying them of the change based on board meeting minutes, change the name so that it can be easily come up with a google search.
 - Cons: ICA has acted strictly culturally and supported activities that are representing Iranian culture. Name recognition has been known for many years.
 - Suggestion (Behzad): create an affiliate organization under the name of ICA to support and act other activities like charity.
 - **No Decision made at this point. Only discussed view points.**
4. Membership Drive (Mina Mokhtari):
 - Ideas were shared:
 - Restarting the membership system that we had a few years ago because ICA needs comprehensive support.
 - About membership system:
 - Should include incentives like discounts for events.
 - membership forms be designed and sent to individuals via email.
 - Consider plenty of transition time for people to make their decision.
 - ICA needs to have Letterhead-include necessary information- for correspondence. Peyman will send the previous letterhead to all members for review and feedback (will be discussed in the next meeting).
 - Below we can see the previous membership fee information:



ICA membership fee schedule	Annual Fee
1. Individual Membership	\$30
2. Family - Without children	\$55
3. Family - With children	\$75
25% discount on one event of their choice	
10% discount any other event	
Limited to guardian and any number of kids (5 years - under 18)	

5. Using "Google for nonprofit" for some free services like professional email addresses. Peyman has already created one: board@icacolumbusoh.org. all members can use it for inter board correspondings.
6. Substituting free "Google meet" service with zoom in order to save subscription fee (\$160 annually).It can be done before the deadline for "zoom" i.e. October to get a refund.
7. Put the first quarter report-for Nowruz and 13-Be-Dar-on ICA's website.
8. Having at least one summer picnic: Preferably in June or July, in an open space sheltered from, on one Sunday-not to be a long weekend.
9. Peyman explained about the POS card reader and scanner for \$150 which was accepted.
10. Start Nowruz 1404 planning:
 - ASAP, even in June,
 - Creating a proper system for managing the tasks: Forming main and subcommittees, for the main Committee Peyman, Mohammad were volunteered and Fariba was also suggested by Mina. The main Framework would be agreed upon in board meetings and the committee will take the responsibility of finding volunteers and distributing the tasks.
11. For Charshanbe Soori, send an email to the City and take the necessary permits-and start to register that day and also Nowruz (22nd of March) in the City calendar as Iranian cultural ceremonies.
12. Naazee Shafiei and Mina Mokhtari accepted the secretary position, Naazee accepted to serve as Secretary officer of ICA.
13. Speaker (Elektrovoice) 2000W - Mehrzad suggested to purchase this used instrument; check with Mahan. Mehrzad is supposed to email the speaker detail to ICA for finalization.

Next Meeting first Thursday of June via Zoom at 8 pm
Meeting adjourned at 10:00

