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Landmark Center.

1) Bring $\sim \frac{1}{2}$ " double stick tape ✓

2. Order table skirting. Green, Gold & White (Todd Kit - Set. Zaka)
Saturday. 8 dividers ✓

Table skirting ✓

* Signage from Riverspace University Ave. 50¢/foot.

A/V stuff. (Movies are scrubbed). Tierney Brothers. Univ \$280.

Best will take care of sound

No TV and/or recorder. (Kannankelly) Zaka will take care of this.

* Sunday morning Set up crew (Board of directors)

Call Kannankelly - all booths must be represented by
2 people. by 8:00 AM (Zaka)

Saturday call Tanya? Work party on Saturday (Coordinate with Anoop)

What hours? & Zaka could pick-up
(Van & pick-up)

Volunteers for Sunday.

Sand painting. Kss. Kakke ✓

Easles - we are short 'S' - 3'x4'

Food: \$750.00 Sign - 10% of proceeds above 750.00

Items & Prices.

Chicken Curry \$3.75

Veg. " 3.25

Beef kebab 3.00

chicken 1.50

Samosa 1.00

Beef " 1.50

Idlis 1.75

Coke \$28.

Sweets - Shirin. & Frieded.

India Club
Minutes for 1/15/86

Attending: Vee Narayan, Neena Gada, Ram Gada, Ganapathy Swami, V. M. Patel, H.P. Bhatt, F.F. Zdenek, Vijay Balakrishnan, Stefan Peterson, Pranab Lahiri, Sarat K. Mohapatra, Sudhansu S. Misra, Atul Shroff, Daljit Sikka, Shirin Fristedt, Mukul Ganguli, Kashmira Irani, Carla Prakash, Ramanik Shah.

Meeting called to order by Vice President , Vijay Balakrishnan.

Corrections to December 18 minutes: Delete Ganapathy Swami from Marketing and Liaison Cmtes; add Pranab Lahiri to Membership Cmte. Approved as corrected.

Treasurer's Report: Ramanik Shah is filing a report with the IRS, he will make a report to the Board at that time, possibly end of Feb.

Long Range Planning Cmte: Atul Shroff

Objective: to formulate short range and long range goals. Urged increased membership on the cmte to reflect consensus of the larger group, encouraged volunteers from the other cmtes to encourage communication between the various cmtes and to bring the Long Range Planning Cmte to a workable size. Mentioned the need for a list of India Club members. (Zeke is working on this). Asked Board members to submit comments/ideas for India Club goals. First task of the cmte will be to increase to a workable size using the membership list provided by Zeke. Mission of this larger cmte will be: ① Define goals of India Club in 5 years, including but not limited to the issue of a scholarship fund and competition with sister organizations. ② Develop strategies to achieve these goals within current limitations of time and resources.

Membership Cmte: Vinu Patel

Minutes from cmte meeting distributed and discussed. Need for brochure emphasized. Treasurer will issue statements to 1985 members for 1986 renewal when information is available from Zeke. Tally will be kept regarding the number of members each Board member brings in.

Marketing Cmte: Vijay Balakrishnan

Cmte goal is to promote India Club to the Indian community and to the community at large; to develop strategies to achieve this goal. Work of the cmte has been divided as follows: Daljit Sikka- concentration on business community; Shirin Fristedt- concentration on women in the Indian community; Zeke Zdenek- concentration on the American "establishment" (gov't, institutions, foundations, etc); Carla Prakash- communications (brochure, newsletter, etc.) Cmte action items-- Mock up of a brochure for short range use, preparation of newsletter for distribution to India Club mailing list, kick-off plan for approach to business community, plan for approach to women in Indian community, plan for approach to organizations that currently help India Club, and those that India Club can help.

Liaison Cmte: Ram Gada

Goal of cmte: Establish communication channels with other organizations and develop strategies to promote India Club to those organizations. List of key organizations distributed, additions/corrections welcomed. Cmte will send letters to the president of each organization and follow up with phone calls asking for opportunity to attend a meeting as a representative of India Club + inquiring about space in the various newsletters to promote India Club. Calendar of events will be developed based on information gathered from these contacts. In establishing links with the student organization(s) emphasis will be on how India Club can be useful to the students, especially new students.

Program Cmte: Sudhansu Misra

Members- Ganapathy Swami, Sarat Mohapatra, Anoop Mathur, Rakesh Agarwala, Mukul Ganguli. Objective is to assess and evaluate programs that are candidates for being taken up by India Club, present cmte approved programs to Board for necessary action, generate ideas about programs that India Club might participate in, and act as clearinghouse for India Club sponsorship of cultural programs/events.

Festival of Nations: Apr 25-26-27

As Neena Gada will be in India for the next few months, Shanti Shah will be the contact person. Stefan Peterson is coordinating the cafe. Day captains and volunteers are needed. Harshad Bhatt will be day captain for Saturday.

Other business: Kashmira Irani described her plan for sending toys to India, asked for India Club support. Requires a non-profit organization as her fiscal agent in this project. Passed unanimously for India Club to be the non-profit organization as long as there would be no financial obligation on the part of India Club. Kashmira will work with the Program Cmte on details.

Board members asked to write down thoughts on India Club- what they hope to get from membership, why others might consider membership, benefits of membership, etc. and send to Carla Prakash for use in brochure.

Letter from Indian Tourist Development Corporation regarding duty free shops at international airports in India distributed by Ramanik Shah.

Announcement of a "Women's Club" for India Club distributed by Shirin Fristedt.

Meeting adjourned.

Carla Prakash for Ella Baldwin

July 18, 1985

The July 18th meeting of the India Club was called to order by the president Zeke Zdenek.

First Order of Business:

The India Club and the Indian Music Society have been asked by Riverplace and specifically the Kabbi Restaurant to help promote a weekend of Indian Culture and Activities. Due to time constraints, exhibits and demonstrations which are readily available will be offered for the three day event. Although Riverplace is strictly a commercial enterprise, the India Club felt that this event could be used as a dry run for the main Festival of India which will be held at the Landmark Center on September 8th, 1985. It would also publicize India for the American Community who frequent Riverplace.

The following exhibits and demonstrations will be attempted:

1. Indian Games
2. Sari Wrapping
3. Wedding Costumes fashion show
4. Kitchen exhibit
5. Mehndi Demonstration
6. Palm Reading
7. Indian Neighbors Booth (Featuring as many Indian organizations as wish to participate)
8. Travel Booth (Indian Travel Agency, offering tours etc. to India)
9. Food (To be provided by the Kabbi Restaurant)

Riverplace has agreed to provide space, signs, decorations, publicity, and food for the Riverplace event. In return for our help they will give the India Club and the Indian Music Society the decorations, the signs and provide some publicity for the Landmark Center event. The Kabbi Restaurant will also provide the food for the Landmark Center event.

Raja Seshadri from the Indian Music Society gave details of the financing of the event at the Landmark Center.

After a short discussion about the difficulty of getting volunteers etc. the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Ella Baldwin, Secretary

August 8, 1985

The August 8th meeting of the India Club was called to order by the Vice-President Padu Arimilli.

Vijay Balakrishnan gave an up-date of the plans for the Riverplace Festival.

August 15th - Flag Raising

Honored Guests: Mayor Don Fraser

Consular General of India from Chicago

2. Singing of National Anthems

3. Reception at the Kabbi Restaurant.

August 16 - 18

Indian Bazaar - Riverplace and Kabbi Restaurant

Entertainment - Indian Music Society

Cultural Booths - India Club

The purpose of this project is to "Market India" for the American Community. Equipment needed will be requested from the Kabbi.

The event at Riverplace will publicize the Landmark Center event as well. There will be several more booths at the Landmark Center.

Anoop Mathur along with Harshad Bhatt, Babu Iyer, and Arun Shirole volunteered to coordinate the event at the Landmark Center.

The Kabbi Restaurant will provide the food. Publicity will be coordinated by Vijay Balakrishnan, Kashmira Irani, and Pranab Lahiri. Music will be coordinated by Raja Seshadri from the Indian Music Society.

The India Club has again been asked by the Children's Home Society to help with a September 28th educational, cultural day for the Prospective Parents of Indian Children.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Ella Baldwin, Secretary

MEETING MEMO

To: President, India Club

From: Nominating Committee

Ram Gada-Chair, Prem Khera, P.S. Kumar, V. Premanand, Anita Raturi

Subject: 1985 Board of Directors Nomination

Meeting date: November 18, 1984 at Gada Residence

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5. Dr. Dash	888-9644
6. Neena Gada	636-1075
7. Balu K. Iyer	941-3233
8. Kanankutty	631-8619
9. Prangab Lahiri	432-8829
10. Anup Mathur	488-0793
11. Rama Pandey	780-1305
12. Stephan Peterson	894-1273
13. Karla Prakash	452-8629
14. K. Ramakrishnan	379-1653
15. Sanjay Sayal	788-3550
16. Dr. Kusum Sexena	426-2031
17. Ramnik Shah	636-9833
18. Arun Shirole	537-4794
19. Bash Singh	483-6383
20. Zeke Zdenek	631-3663
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- B. Each nominee has agreed to serve, if elected.

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K. Ramakrishnan
211 Warwick St., S.E.,
Minneapolis, MN 55414

January 16, 1985

The President
India Club
1694 Como Avenue
St. Paul, MN 55108

Dear Sir:

Since I am planning to spend the better part of 1985 outside Minnesota, I will not be able to serve as a member of the board of directors this year.

Therefore I hereby request you to kindly accept my resignation from the board.

I very much appreciate the consideration of the members of India Club for having me in the board for the last year.

Sincerely

K Ramakrishnan

K. RAMAKRISHNAN.

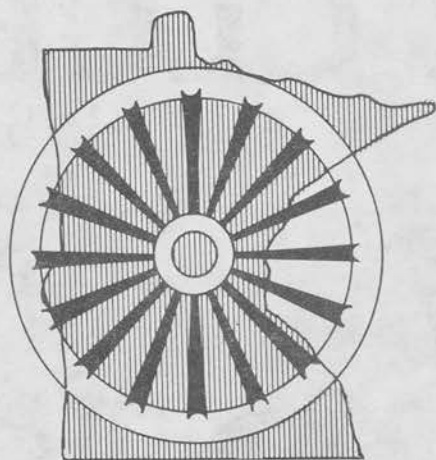
President's message

INDIA CLUB

NEWSLETTER

DEC 1984





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INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE OF MINNESOTA

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612-647-0191

President	F.F. Zdenek
Vice President	Neena Gada
Secretary	Ella Baldwin
Treasurer	M. Amberker

President's message

As my term as President of the India Club comes to an end, it is gratifying to look back at the last two years' progress and look forward to the future. The events of the last two years are well enough known, ranging from India Day, to getting interviews with our congressional delegation for voicing our opinion on the Simpson-Mazzoli Bill. Some activities have been of a service nature and some of a cultural nature. Like any other group, we have sometimes veered away from our main mission of being a service organization and of developing a scholarship fund. Two years ago our treasury had only a meager operating capital. Now there are enough funds to think about isolating the scholarship funds and starting to invest those funds. Our membership, which we have not pressed actively, approaches 75 or so families, and that I hope will rise more rapidly in the future.

It has been a privilege for me to serve the last two years. All the activities of the club, from their conception through execution, are the direct results of the efforts of some very talented people that have worked hard to serve both the Indian community and the broader community of our city, state, and nation. My own role in these activities was minor compared to theirs. If I were to thank each of those that contributed so much here, this newsletter would need another ten pages. Those same people will continue to serve and a few bright young people are joining to bring new viewpoints and talents to the club.

Now, I'd like to look to the future and your involvement in the club. First, this is an outward looking service club. We are not here to sponsor professional music and dance. Events have proved that the Indian Music Society is very accomplished at such cultural events and our role should be only supportive. More recently a new association, Natyakala, has also made its mark to foster South Asian dance. Social events are ably handled by each of several clubs and our role there should also be only supportive.

The India Club can best serve by hewing closely to our published long range goals of educational funding by scholarships; interfacing with the broader community to present Indians as Americans, and India as a fellow democracy, not an adversary; and to share that rich 5000 or more years of heritage with our neighbors of other heritages.

Now the avenue to those ends is involvement-your involvement. As one of the board members put it, "Let's not become an old boys club, let's have new blood and youth in the club to direct it!" It's good advice, and the broader the base of activities, the broader and more complete the abilities of the club.

The club works by consensus and your consensus counts!

Let's put some numbers to that concept of volunteerism. Let's say that each of the two thousand families here adds an hour of work for the community each week for each member of the family. How many manhours is that? Let's also say that each member of those families puts away the price of a coke each day for community service. How much would that total in a year? Would the combination of the manhours and the funds bring within reach some of the projects you hold dear?

As the new board takes over, I am looking forward to you becoming an active member of the club, with its modest dues of \$10.00 per family, \$5.00 per individual, gratis to students, and contributing your talents to the club and the community.

Thank you for the last two years.

Zeke

ANNUAL MEETING-DEC 19

The India Club meets every third Wednesday at the International Institute, 1694 Como Avenue at 7:30 p.m. You are welcome to attend every meeting! The December meeting is our annual meeting to elect a new board, and it is particularly important for a good turnout. The agenda for December is:

Annual Elections: India Club elections function on a committee basis. In October, a nominating committee, under the chairmanship of Ram Gada is selected to gather and present 21 names of prospective board members to the November meeting. As wide a representation as possible is selected. The candidates for the board as presented at the November meeting are:

Rakesh Agarwal	631-2334	Stefan Peterson	894-1273
Ella Baldwin	927-7546	Carla Prakash	452-8629
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All the candidates were asked if they were willing to serve prior to being placed on the slate.

There are two opportunities to add names to this slate. First at the November meeting, and again at the December meeting. If no names are added, the slate is voted on as it stands. If names are added, then a secret ballot is used at the December meeting to elect the 21 members of the board recommended by the bylaws.

Once elected, the board selects its own executive. The incumbent vice president is usually asked to assume the presidency.

With the start of the new year, the various committees welcome new input, and new members. Committee chairpersons do not have to be on the board and anybody is welcome to serve and have a say in the destiny of the club. Some of the committees are long range planning, program, scholarship fund, membership, publicity and publications.

There is ample scope for you to put in a little time on a special skill you have which could benefit the club and the community. Some of the areas that need manpower and skill are: database and mailing management; special event management; graphics; newsletter publishing; event publicity; presentation of the culture and heritage of India to schools, churches, and adoption agencies; scholarship program.

Come to the meeting. You might end up giving a change to your dormant talents.

The agenda for the December meeting also includes allocation of funds for the resource center and selection of the chairperson for 1985 Festival of Nations program.

Schedule of upcoming meetings of 1985: January 16, February 20, March 20, April 17, May 15; summer schedule to be determined.

CLUB ACTIVITIES

PANIGRAHI PRESENTS ODISSI DANCE: On October 7, 1984, Mrs. Sanjukta Panigrahi and troupe presented a well-received performance of Odissi Dance at the St. Anthony High School.

With an attendance of over 250, the program was an artistic success, with Mrs. Panigrahi exhibiting the skill and finesse that has earned her and her troupe world renown in this classical dance form. S.K. Dash acted as manager of the event.

The Indian Music Society and the India Club, with the support of other clubs, cooperated in the sponsorship of this program.

SECOND ANNUAL INDIA DAY: Under the management of Shanti Shah, the second annual India Day, at the St. Anthony High School on October 13, 1984 was a rousing success, with nearly 400 adults and children in attendance for the afternoon. A stage show, organized by Vijay Balakrishnan, included a wide variety of music and dance to the delight of the audience. Among the exhibits, an India information booth organized by Padu Arimilli featured an outstanding computer quiz about India, programmed by Godam Nambudripad's son. Neena Gada's sari wrapping booth, and Rajan Patel's and Neena's hand and face painting booth proved popular among our guests. Preeti Mathur coordinated the exhibition with the theme "Cuisine of India." An outstanding menu was provided by Suman Sheno, Asha Nath, Bash Singh, and several others much to the delight of the trenchermen in the crowd.

INDIAN COMMUNITY SPONSORS GANDHI MEMORIAL: A remembrance evening in honor of the late Mrs. Indira Gandhi was held at the International Institute on Sunday, November 18, 1984. Friends of the community who spoke in honor of Mrs. Gandhi were Marlene Johnson, the lieutenant governor of Minnesota, John Derus of the Hennepin County Board and a former Peace Corps volunteer in Haryana, Dr. Paul Singh, an elder of the Sikh community, Dr. Rao, Anita Raturi, Preeti Mathur, Sabir Hasan, and Dr. Raj Dutt. The central theme by all the speakers was that of conciliation and responsibility to the democracy in India.

The people of India are struggling to overcome the shock of the death of Mrs. Gandhi and of the innocent people that followed. And now the tragedy at Bhopal stares at us. Nothing can redeem the lives that were lost and suffering that was borne. But one could look to the future with courage to overcome the obstacles.

If you have plans to assist the bereaved families, we recommend you approach the following agencies. India Abroad Foundation, 43 W. 29th St., New York, NY 10010; CARE, 600 1st Ave., New York, NY 10016; SAVE THE CHILDREN, 54 Wilton Rd., Westport, CT 06880. If you decide to send money to these agencies, please mark your check with "For India."

RESOURCE CENTER IN INCEPTION: Sushila Shah has undertaken to compile a library of slides, printed matter, and other audio visual aids that will be available to the community for presentations before schools, churches, and other groups on the various aspects of the culture and land of India. Donations in kind are actively being solicited. If you have slides or other materials that you are willing to donate or lend for copying, please contact Sushila at 636-9833.

Radio Programme in Hindi and Urdu

On November 5, WMIN at 1010 AM dial started a radio broadcast for the Indian and Pakistani communities in Minnesota and western Wisconsin. Hosted by Sabir Hasan, who hails from Eau Claire, the program airs from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. on Sunday afternoons. The program features community and social news, film music, light music, and news from the subcontinent. Mr. Hasan also coordinates the production of the program.

Requests and suggestions for programming are most welcome. Tune in and send your comments to Mr. Sabir Hasan, 130 Princeton Dr., Elk Mound, WI 54739; (715) 879-5240.

This program is sponsored by individual subscribers at a cost of \$12.00 per family for six months. The entire membership fee goes to pay for the \$135/hour cost of air time. If you can support the radio program, please contact Anu Zdenek (631-3663), Sushila Shah (636-9833), or Mr. Hasan.

THE INDIAN MUSIC SOCIETY OF MINNESOTA

WELCOMES YOU TO JOIN THE JOURNEY INTO THE WORLD OF CLASSICAL DANCE AND MUSIC.

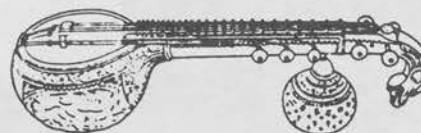
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MEMBERS HAVE THE PRIVILEGE OF DISCOUNTED ADMISSION TO PERFORMANCES. THE DISCOUNT WILL MORE THAN PAY BACK YOUR DUES, WHICH IS \$40 FOR FAMILIES, AND \$25 FOR INDIVIDUALS.

CALL PRABHAKAR SHENOY AT 636-0523 OR SEND YOUR MEMBERSHIP CONTRIBUTION TO HIM AT 521 DRIFTWOOD CIRCLE, NEW BRIGHTON, MN 55112.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, TALK TO ANYONE FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: RAJA SESHADRI (379-1653); DINNAG MEHTA (439-5700); ARUNKUMAR KAMBAMPATHI, PHILIP REGAL, AND PRABHAKAR SHENOY.



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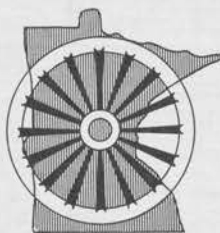


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THE INDIA CLUB OF MINNESOTA

MINUTES OF THE MEETING DECEMBER 19, 1983

These are more formal than usual minutes to report the results of the by-laws change vote and the result of the Annual Election.

The meeting was called to order at 7:45 pm at the International Institute with a sufficient quorum to conduct the business at hand.

The first order of business was to review the results of voting by the 1983 board on the motion:

"The maximum number of the Board of Directors shall not exceed 21 and the minimum number for the Board of Directors shall be five."

The results of voting was 11 Ayes, 1 nay, and 3 abstentions, so the motion carried.

The second order of business was the election of the Board of Directors as proposed by the Nominating Committee and amended at the meeting of November 17, 1983 in accordance with the by-laws.

The Board was elected unanimously as follows:

Mohan Amberker	738-7511	Ella Baldwin	927-7546
Dr. Dash	887-9644 484-1712	Neena Gada	636-1075
Balu K. Iyer	941-3233	Prem Khera	484-9408
Pranab Lahiri	432-8829	Karla Prakash	455-0825
Amitbh Raturi	623-0938	Gundu Rao	835-9725
Kumud Sane	474-1516	Sanjay Sayal	788-3550
Ananth(Bell) Sheno	645-7386	Shanti Shah	894-1273
Bash Singh	483-6383	Zeke Zdenek	631-3663
Prakash Keshaviah	559-0236	K. Ramakrishnan	623-8324

The Board then elected its executive as follows:

Zeke Zdenek, President
Neena Gada, Vice President
Ella Baldwin, Secretary
Mohan Amberker, Treasurer

The January 18th meeting of the India Club was called to order at 7:30 pm by the president Zeke Zdenek.

The first order of business to be discussed was the Festival of Nations. Vinay Garg has agreed that the India Club will receive 10% of the sales after the initial fee is paid in the bazaar. Sathy Kumar discussed the food to be prepared and sold in the cafe. Possible alternatives to chicken in the meat dish became the main topic, but a decision was not reached at that time. Sales expectations are 3000 meat plates, 2000 mango shakes, and 1000 pakoras, creating a gross income of \$6000. The festival will open one hour earlier on Friday, and close one hour earlier on Saturday. Buses of school children are expected on Friday. Tickets will be available for advance sales on February 24th. Price is \$5.00 in advance for adults, \$6.00 at the door. The price for childrens tickets is \$4.00 regardless of when they are bought.

The second order of business was a discussion of committee chairs.

1. Long Range Planning -- Sathy Kumar.
2. Program -- Bel Shendi
3. Publications -- vacant -- request was made that Preeti Mathur be asked to fill the post.
4. Membership -- Znu Zdenek
5. Public Relations -- vacant -- no proposal for filling the position.
6. Student Relations -- Prasanna Kumar -- A host-mentor relationship was proposed as an appropriate role for this committee.
7. By-Laws -- Ram Gada
8. Directory and Professional Directory to be incorporated into publications.
9. National Affiliation -- Krishna Saxena
10. Resource Center -- Sushila Shah -- Considered to be an effective committee.
11. Youth -- Sanjay Sayal
12. Nomination -- Ram Gada
13. A legistave committee was proposed as an interface to make the views of the Indian Community known to the legislature.

The next meeting will be held on Feb. 15th.

Respectively Submitted, Ella Baldwin

December 19, 1984

The December 19th meeting of the India Club was called to order by at 7:30 p.m. by the president Zeke Zdenek.

Old Business: Dr. Desh absorbed the loss sustained by the low attendance at the performance of Sanjukta Panigrahi, thus closing the subject.

New Business: Festival of Nations ---

The festival will take place on May 3rd, 4th, & 5th. The necessity for a food manager was discussed. The duties required of such a person are the following:

1. Ordering the food.
2. Organizing the pre-cooking (including finding a place for it to be done).
3. Bringing in the ice cream.
4. Organizing the clean-up.
5. Paying the bills.

Stefan Peterson volunteered to serve as the food manager. Three day managers will be need also.

\$200.00 has been allocated for Sushila Shah to begin obtaining slides for a resource center. Organization of the slides should preceed a possible narration.

Next new business: Election of the new board of directors. Twenty one people have been nominated to serve on the new board for the coming year. There was some discussion about how these people were selected, and Ram Gada explained the process. Board members can only serve for two years, one half of which will be held over from the previous year. Officers can serve for more than two years. A motion was made and seconded electing the board by acclimation.

The election of officers was tabled until the next meeting. A letter will go out to the board members asking for people willing to serve.

Since it was the last meeting of the year, there was a review of past activities. Many activities were successful and some produced revenue for the club, however, there was little accomplished on the primary goals of the organization. There was some discussion about helping new students from India based on need. In this respect the India Club wishes to work with the Indo-American Club. The possibility of developing a student aid committee, as a permanent standing committee was suggested.

The meeting was adjourned.

Ella Baldwin, Secretary

October 17, 1984 -- India Club Meeting Minutes.

The India Club October 1984 meeting was called to order by the president, Zeke Zdenek.

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The India Club
1694 Como Avenue
St. Paul, MN 55108

Dear Friends,

The mills of certain artistic gods grind exceedingly slowly, so this letter is not accompanied by the long awaited membership brochure. However, it is timely to report to the community at large on the status of the India Club.

What is the India Club. The club was originally founded as a non-profit organization in 1973 and was from before the legalities, associated and active with the International Institute. The club was involved in a variety of functions like "India Days" at the International Institute, the Festival of Nations, and a variety of small service projects, receptions for Indian dignitaries and other activities. The club was and remains a non-sectarian, non-partisan, non-linguistic organization. It is not to be an "umbrella" club nor to compete with any existing religious, regional or specialized group. If you like labels, service and support are nice words.

Times, and needs change, and the India Club entered a phase of lowered activities. Since flux, rather than stasis is the rule, the consensus of a decent sample of the community was to revitalize the club as an independent service organization serving the entire community and interfacing closely with the European-American community. The underlying principle is matrix management by the consensus of the Indian Community at large, in a supporting role.

The club has a number of interesting projects accomplished or in process. Some of the activities of the Festival were handled by the club, while others did the Bazaar, Food Stall, and performances. The club has been actively presenting a position regarding restrictive immigration legislation to Minnesota's Congressional Delegation, both by letter and personal visits. At each meeting, we have a speaker of interest-The last was Mike Paige from the University who defined the needs of the IndoAmerican Association and the new student.

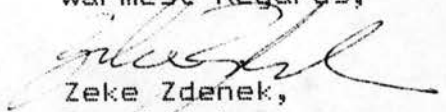
In the immediate future, we are planning to have the president of the Association of Indians in America and the Consul-General visit with us in July. In October, we are planning an India Day and a welcoming reception for the new students in the state. The latter will be a fundraiser aimed at the American Community. Other works in the mill include a review of the by-laws, planning for publications such as a directory of musical artists, a community directory, a professional directory, a media resource center, and interfacing with the various clubs and linguistic groups. A membership brochure, letterhead and envelopes are at the printer.

What about the future? I am attaching a copy of the first report from our long range planning committee, which succinctly describes some of the goals thus far in consensus. Please review it carefully and think about the ideas you have that would have an ideal forum in the India Club. Come join us--we and the community need your ideas, input, and wisdom.

Dues are modest \$10.00 for families, \$5.00 for individuals, and free for students.

Our meetings, for the summer, are the third thursday of the month, and our next meeting is July 21 at 7:30 pm, at the International Institute, 1694 Como Ave. Do join us as meeting are open.

Warmest Regards,



Zeke Zdenek,
President

The January 18th meeting of the India Club was called to order at 7:30 pm by the president Zeke Zdenek.

The first order of business to be discussed was the Festival of Nations. Vinay Garg has agreed that the India Club will receive 10% of the sales after the initial fee is paid in the bazaar. Sathy Kumar discussed the food to be prepared and sold in the cafe. Possible alternatives to chicken in the meat dish became the main topic, but a decision was not reached at that time. Sales expectations are 3000 meat plates, 2000 mango shakes, and 1000 pakoras, creating a gross income of \$6000. The festival will open one hour earlier on Friday, and close one hour earlier on Saturday. Buses of school children are expected on Friday. Tickets will be available for advance sales on February 24th. Price is \$5.00 in advance for adults, \$6.00 at the door. The price for childrens tickets is \$4.00 regardless of when they are bought.

The second order of business was a discussion of committee chairs.

1. Long Range Planning -- Sathy Kumar.
2. Program -- Bel Shendi
3. Publications -- vacant -- request was made that Preeti Mathur be asked to fill the post.
4. Membership -- Znu Zdenek
5. Public Relations -- vacant -- no proposal for filling the position.
6. Student Relations -- Prasanna Kumar -- A host-mentor relationship was proposed as an appropriate role for this committee.
7. By-Laws -- Ram Gada
8. Directory and Professional Directory to be incorporated into publications.
9. National Affiliation -- Krishna Saxena
10. Resource Center -- Sushila Shah -- Considered to be an effective committee.
11. Youth -- Sanjay Sayal
12. Nomination -- Ram Gada
13. A legislative committee was proposed as an interface to make the views of the Indian Community known to the legislature.

The next meeting will be held on Feb. 15th.

Respectively Submitted, Ella Baldwin

This is editorial privelege, but keep in mind that your board listens to the community and debates policy for the club but the real exciting part of the clubs activities happens in the several committees. Do join one.

The rest of the meeting was involved in various reports and discussions in an informal basis with any decisions made by consensus. The first item was a description of various activities and committees for the new board members. The committees so far in place, but subject to discussion, are:

Long Range Planning-	R.Satyhkumar
Program-	Bell Shenoi
• Public Relations-	Vacant
Membership-	Vacant
• Publications-	Vacant
Student Relations-	Prasanna Kumar
Youth-	P.C.Mangalick
By-laws-	Ram Gada
Resource Center-	Shushila Shah
Directory-	K. Ramakrishnan
Professional Directory-	Anil Jain
Legislative-	Gundu Rao
National Affiliation-	Krishna Saxena and Ramanik Shah

As you can see there are some vacancies, and we would be delighted if you could take part in a committee. I know that some of our committee membership would relish a fresh viewpoint. As well, we will review all committees in the meeting of January 18.

Next, we discussed the idea of sponsoring a local artists concert series every quarter or so to encourage their keeping skills up. After a spirited discussion, the program committee will take the subject up at their next meeting.

The Festival of Nations was discussed. Last April, the club decided to take part directly, at least in the food part and the various committee heads are:

General Chairperson: Neena Gada, with me filling in until she's back from India.
Cafe: R. Sathykumar
Bazaar: Vinay Garg
Exhibit: Preeti Mathur
Program: Shanti Shah
Children's Program: Ranjan Patel

I'll guarantee you that these folks will give amply of their time to make our participation meet the highest standards. All help will be much appreciated. Do give them a call.

The last item of business in the meeting was a discussion of the approach made to us to help host a very short visit of the outgoing Ambassador early in January. Certain conditions were established and at this point in time, we have no response from the prime host.

AGENDA FOR THE MEETING: DECEMBER 21, 1983

ELECTION OF THE NEW BOARD

DESCRIPTION OF OFFER TO HELP HOST INDIAN AMBASSADOR IN JAN.

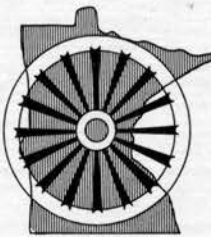
COMMITTEE REPORTS AS REQUIRED OR READY

1984 COMMITTEES

FESTIVAL OF NATIONS REPORT.

1. Motion passed bond to 21 11 Ayes / 1 NAY
2. MOVC - Passed

PRESIDENT: F. F. ZDENEK
VICE PRESIDENT: N. GADA
SECRETARY: A. JAIN
TREASURER: M. AMBERKER



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THE INDIA CLUB OF MINNESOTA

Dear Director,

November 20, 1983

Please excuse the impersonal salutation, but I'm too lazy on a dull and blustery Sunday to set the box to do differently. There are a couple of points of business that need to be acted on before next month's meeting.

First, at the November 17 meeting, it was moved and seconded to increase the size of the board of directors to 21. The motion reads as follows:

Article 4, Paragraph 4.1

"The maximum number of the board of directors shall be limited to 21, and the minimum number shall be five."

To effect this change, prior to the general election a postal ballot is required. A two-thirds majority of the board is required for the change. I have included a post card for your convenience and I would appreciate your indicating your choice on the card and returning it to me at once.

The reason that this came about bears on the report of the nominating committee presented at the last meeting. With the addition from the floor, the slate of directors to be elected at the December meeting is outstanding and represents an excellent consensus of opinion to guide the club. The Slate totals 21 and will afford wider community participation. Hence the referendum.

If you have any questions, please give me a call. The Slate itself will be mailed to the entire membership as soon as all have agreed to serve if elected.

With regard to the election, the general membership votes on the board at the December 21 meeting. Then the board elects its executive.

MEETING DATES==== MARK YOUR CALENDAR
DECEMBER 21: JANUARY 18: FEBRUARY 16: MARCH 21: APRIL 18: MAY 16.
ALL AT 7:30 AT THE INSTITUTE

F. F. Zdenek
ZEKE

INDIA CLUB
MINUTES OF THE MEETING

NOVEMBER 28, 1982

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm at the International institute by Jack Desai. Attendance was 26.

The first order of business was to decide if the India Club should persist. After a complete discussion it was agreed to continue the club, with one absention and one nay.

The second order of business was to select a board of directors from the persons present. The board consists of; Jack Desai, V. Premanand, F.F. Zdenek, Neena Gada, Anil Jain, Mohan Amberker, Shanti Shah, Vivek Kamran, Kusum Saxena, Prasanna Kumar, Gundu H.R. Rag, Chandra Lagalwa, Shashi Suri, and Shashi Sape, ^{R.} Kannan Kottiy

Next, from the newly selected board, the following officers were selected: President-F.F.Zdenek; Vicepresident (~~President Elect~~)-Neena Gada; Secretary- Anil Jain; Treasurer-Mohan Amberker.

Next after appropriate motions, seconds, and discussions, it was agreed to establish annual dues for the India Club at \$10.00 for families, and \$5.00 for individuals.

Lastly, after an informal discussion of some of the possible goals and objectives of the club, it was agreed to hold the next meeting at the International Institute on December 17, 1982. The date was later changed to December 6, 1982 to allow more time to meet certain deadlines for the Festival of Nations.

The meeting was adjourned at about 5:00 pm.

Your temporary scribe
Zeke

INDIA CLUB Board of Directors 1984-85

Rakesh Agarwal
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Prashant Kharkar
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Membership status as of 7/8/85
Membership List

Last Name	First Name	Phone	Type	Expiration
Agarwala	Rakesh	631-2334	Family	2/1/86
Amberker	Mohan	738-7511	Family	12/31/85
Anuat	G.P.	645-1872	Student	1/1/86
Arimilli	Padu	770-1597	Family	4/30/86
Arneson	Beth	289-2088	Individual	9/30/84
Arora	Bal Krishna	711-4200	Prospect	1/1/80
Balakrishnan	Vijay	644-8490	Family	8/17/85
Baldwin	Ella Anne	927-7546	Individual	11/30/85
Bhatt	Harshad	425-8814	Family	2/1/86
Boyapati	Kalpna	874-5170	Family	10/30/84
Chandra	Pradeep	925-5575	Family	8/17/85
D'Costa	Maureen	690-6331	Student	1/1/83
Dasgupta	Ashok	935-5347	Prospect	1/1/81
Dash	S. K.		Family	11/1/85
Desai	Bhupat	777-7991	Family	12/31/84
Desai	Jagadish	484-1712	Family	12/31/84
Desai	Parag	941-9213	Family	6/30/86
Dhir	R.		Prospect	1/1/81
Dutt	Raj	521-8527	Family	12/31/84
Fristedt	Shirin	941-0731	Prospect	1/1/81
Gada	Ram	636-1075	Family	12/31/85
Gangopadhyay	Arup	379-7927	Student	1/1/85
Ganguli	Mukul	636-8006	Prospect	1/1/83
Garg	Satya	933-0081	Family	10/31/84
Girdhari	Premchand	715-835-1319	Family	9/1/85
Gupta	Ram		Prospect	1/1/83
Hasan	Sabir		Prospect	1/1/81
Home Society	Childrens		Honorary	1/1/86
Hoyle	Robert		Honorary	12/31/85
Ingle	Laura	935-6918	Family	1/1/85
Iqbal	Anwar		Family	2/1/86
Irani	Kashmira	644-4222	Prospect	1/1/81
Iyer	Balu S.	941-3233	Family	2/1/86
Jain	Anil	636-3538	Family	12/31/83
Jamal	Karim	376-6740	Student	6/30/86
Jha	Jayesh N.	483-6146	Family	6/30/86
Johnson	Lynn		Prospect	1/1/81
Kakade	Sunanda Apte	645-8201	Family	9/30/85
Kamath	Ullas	488-3097	Prospect	1/1/83
Kamdar	Madhu	777-1636	Family	11/30/84
Kamran	Vivek	633-9221	Family	12/31/83
Kannankutty	R.	631-8619	Family	12/31/85
Kant	Raj	784-5996	Prospect	1/1/83
Kar	Shantanu	331-8334	Student	1/1/86
Kaur	Hapreet	777-9467	Prospect	1/1/81
Keshaviah	Prakash	559-0236	Family	12/31/84
Khambhampati	Arun Kumar	483-3647	Family	8/7/85
Kharbanda	B.L.		Prospect	1/1/81
Khera	Prem	484-9408	Family	4/30/84
Kliger	George	333-0746	Prospect	1/1/83
Koch	Michael	332-2876	Family	9/30/84
Komanduri	Sesha		Prospect	1/1/83
Kopf	David	340-0287	Family	11/30/84

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Krishnan	A.R.	786-0366	Prospect	1/1/83
Kubly	Marilyn	425-5784	Individual	10/13/85
Kulkarni	Pramod	574-1917	Family	10/1/85
Kumar	Prasanna	488-3736	Family	12/31/84
Lagalwar	Chandra	484-4773	Family	12/31/85
Lahiri	Pranab K.	432-8829	Family	2/1/86
Lal	Rajiv	343-0218	Student	1/1/86
Lovgren	Karl	481-0100	Prospect	1/1/81
Maier	Jai Devi	251-0454	Family	9/18/85
Mangalick	P.C.	781-5136	Family	5/30/84
Mangalick	Umesh	789-8515	Family	9/30/84
Mathur	Anoop	483-0793	Family	10/31/84
Mehta	Ashok	571-8230	Family	9/30/84
Mehta	Dinnag	439-5700	Prospect	1/1/81
Mehta	Ramesh	631-0407	Family	4/30/84
Menon	Rajan	636-6428	Family	12/31/83
Mishra	N.C.	623-4231	Student	1/1/85
Mitra	Shiddharta	537-8291	Student	12/31/85
Morris	Regina	690-6269	Student	1/1/85
Munshi	Ismail	488-1977	Prospect	1/1/81
Munshi	Vatsal	566-9175	Family	6/30/86
Murthy	K.V.K.	507 794-2304	Family	9/30/83
Murthy	V. Rama	340-0578	Individual	1/1/85
Murty	A. Shivram		Family	9/18/85
Naidu	V.K.	631-0921	Family	2/1/86
Nambudipad	Godan		Family	9/18/84
Nath	Mahendra	633-4915	Family	12/31/84
Nichols-Shaw	Arvind	645-1968	Family	10/31/84
Noronha	June	690-6505	Prospect	1/1/80
O'Connor	Paul	646-3520	Family	6/30/86
Pandey	Rama S.	780-1305	Family	6/30/86
Patel	Kirit	566-8118	Family	6/30/86
Patel	Punjabhai	786-7252	Family	9/30/84
Patel	Rama	631-8622	Family	4/30/84
Patel	Ranjan	770-3155	Family	12/31/84
Peterson- Shah	Stefan	894-1273	Family	12/31/85
Prakash	Venkat	452-8629	Family	12/30/85
Premanand	Prem	884-1310	Family	11/1/85
Puram	Prakash	920-3238	Family	9/30/84
Ramakrishnan	Rama	631-8622	Family	2/1/86
Ramakrishnan	Ramki	379-1653	Individual	12/31/85
Ramani	Venkat	636-8930	Family	9/30/84
Ramaswamy	Raj P.		Family	2/1/86
Rao	Dileep	944-2270	Individual	12/31/83
Rao	Gundu H.R.	835-9725	Family	12/31/84
Rao	Prakash	831-2457	Family	2/1/86
Rao	Pushotam	452-3296	Prospect	1/1/83
Rastogi	Shashi	631-9377	Family	10/30/84
Raturi	Amitbh	623-0938	Student	1/1/85
Rausch	Marilyn	536-0493	Family	11/3/85
Ricci	Judith Ann	715 822-3750	Individual	11/30/84
Roche	Joe		Family	6/1/85
Runganadhan	Arjun	781-8726	Family	4/30/85

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Sadagopal	D.	483-2347	Individual	8/17/84
Sane	Shashi	474-1516	Family	11/6/85
Saraf	Raj	483-6180	Prospect	1/1/83
Sathykumar	Sat	484-8290	Family	12/31/85
Saxena	Krishna	426-2031	Family	9/30/85
Sekhri	Amita	645-0105	Student	1/1/83
Seshadri	Raju	379-1653	Prospect	1/1/83
Shah	Dhanendra	786-0491	Prospect	1/1/80
Shah	Ishwar D.	927-6356	Family	5/9/85
Shah	Kirit	566-8118	Family	6/30/86
Shah	Mahendra		Family	9/30/84
Shah	Ramanik	636-9833	Family	12/31/85
Shah	Sharad	546-0017	Individual	11/30/84
Shenoi	Bell	645-7386	Family	1/21/85
Shenoy	Belle Prabhakar	636-0523	Family	9/18/84
Shirole	Arun	537-4794	Family	1/1/86
Shroff	Atul	831-2676	Family	6/30/86
Shroff	Haren	835-0913	Family	6/30/86
Sikka	Daljit	869-5831	Family	8/7/85
Singh	Paul	483-6383	Family	9/30/84
Sinha	Akhouri	724-4871	Family	2/1/86
Somasunderam	Rathna	489-5853	Family	2/1/86
Sunder	Shyam	645-4081	Family	4/30/85
Suri	Shashi	483-6583	Family	12/31/84
Syal	Sanjay	788-3550	Student	1/1/85
Thomas	Joseph		Prospect	1/1/83
Turakhia	Rajesh	645-8320	Student	1/1/85
Vellanki	S.J. Rao	427-4586	Family	6/30/86
Ventkaraman	Saraswati	690-6133	Student	1/1/85
Walia	Joe	483-5915	Prospect	1/1/83
Weinstein	Miriam	825-5826	Prospect	1/1/81
Williamson	Jane	644-0497	Family	11/30/84
Zdenek	Zeke	631-3663	Family	12/31/85

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December 17, 1986

Attendance:	Ram Gada	Sudhansu Misra
	Stefan Peterson	Usha Balakrishnan
	Shirin Fristedt	Daljit Sikka
	Punjabhai Patel	Anoop Mathur
	Miriam Weinstein	Kamal K. Sahgal
	P.A. Arimilli	Sumedha Sengupta
	Vijay Balakrishnan	Sushila Shah
	H.P. Bhatt	Ramanik Shah
	Pranab Lahiri	Vinu Patel
		Ella Baldwin

The December 17th meeting of the India Club was called to order by the president, Padu Arimilli.

A motion was made and accepted to approve the selected board of directors for the 1987 year. After Vijay Balakrishnan declined the presidency for the 1987 year, the following officers were elected to serve.

President	-- Sudhansu Misra
Vice-President	-- Daljit Sikka
Secretaries	-- Ella Baldwin & Carla Prakash
Treasurer	-- Vinu Patel

There was then a presentation by people from a transcendental meditation program.

The minutes of the previous meeting in October were approved. Ramanik Shah gave a treasurers report. The treasurer suggested that in future the India Club should consider door donations at their events, rather than charging for food, as we can get a 50% tax break for donations, as a private operating foundation.

Committee Reports:

Sudhansu Misra - Application has been made again for a State Fair Booth.

Ram Gada - Festival of Nations - kickoff meeting has been held. Chairpersons are in place.

Food Chairperson	-- Padu Arimilli
Entertainment	-- Shanti Shah
Adults	-- Rajin Patel
Bazaar	--

Daljit Sikka -- Membership -- He has checked through the Minneapolis, and St. Paul phone books for Indian names.

Sudhansu Misra -- Youth Festival -- to be held on Feb. 7th, St. Paul Student Center at 5:00 pm. Events will include:

Essay Competition -- Skit -- Music & Dance -- Debate.

This Youth Festival will be organized by high school students working with the program committee. \$100.00 has been allocated for prizes. It was suggested that a local English teacher judge the essays.

Possibilities for Guest of Honor -- Dr. Rama Murthy, University of Minnesota, Aded. Affairs Office or the Consular General from Chicago. Padu Arimilli will look into this.

There will also be a career counseling booth for high school students.

The Mother Theresa Film (Documentary) at the Suburban World Theater was announced.

Vinu Patel suggested that teachers of various Indian languages should be listed in the newsletter.

Usha Balakrishnan discussed the cookbook written by Kashmira Irani called PASSAGE TO INDIAN COOKING, which is being sold for \$5.50 to finance shipping toys to India. To buy a cookbook call 542-5299.

It was suggested that the executive committee meet one week prior to the India Club meeting to set the agenda.

Respectfully submitted, Ella Baldwin, Sec. Sec.

India Club
Minutes for 1/15/86

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Attending: Vee Narayan, Neena Gada, Ram Gada, Ganapathy Swami, V. M. Patel, H.P. Bhatt, F.F. Zdenek, Vijay Balakrishnan, Stefan Peterson, Pranab Lahiri, Sarat K. Mohapatra, Sudhansu S. Misra, Atul Shroff, Daljit Sikka, Shirin Fristedt, Mukul Ganguli, Kashmira Irani, Carla Prakash, Ramanik Shah.

Meeting called to order by Vice President , Vijay Balakrishnan.

Corrections to December 18 minutes: Delete Ganapathy Swami from Marketing and Liaison Cmtes; add Pranab Lahiri to Membership Cmte. Approved as corrected.

Treasurer's Report: Ramanik Shah is filing a report with the IRS, he will make a report to the Board at that time, possibly end of Feb.

Long Range Planning Cmte: Atul Shroff

Objective: to formulate short range and long range goals. Urged increased membership on the cmte to reflect consensus of the larger group, encouraged volunteers from the other cmtes to encourage communication between the various cmtes and to bring the Long Range Planning Cmte to a workable size. Mentioned the need for a list of India Club members. (Zeke is working on this). Asked Board members to submit comments/ideas for India Club goals. First task of the cmte will be to increase to a workable size using the membership list provided by Zeke. Mission of this larger cmte will be: ① Define goals of India Club in 5 years, including but not limited to the issue of a scholarship fund and competition with sister organizations. ② Develop strategies to achieve these goals within current limitations of time and resources.

Membership Cmte: Vinu Patel

Minutes from cmte meeting distributed and discussed. Need for brochure emphasized. Treasurer will issue statements to 1985 members for 1986 renewal when information is available from Zeke. Tally will be kept regarding the number of members each Board member brings in.

Marketing Cmte: Vijay Balakrishnan

Cmte goal is to promote India Club to the Indian community and to the community at large; to develop strategies to achieve this goal. Work of the cmte has been divided as follows: Daljit Sikka- concentration on business community; Shirin Fristedt- concentration on women in the Indian community; Zeke Zdenek- concentration on the American "establishment" (gov't, institutions, foundations, etc); Carla Prakash- communications (brochure, newsletter, etc.) Cmte action items-- Mock up of a brochure for short range use, preparation of newsletter for distribution to India Club mailing list, kick-off plan for approach to business community, plan for approach to women in Indian community, plan for approach to organizations that currently help India Club, and those that India Club can help.

Liaison Cmte: Ram Gada

Goal of cmte: Establish communication channels with other organizations and develop strategies to promote India Club to those organizations. List of key organizations distributed, additions/corrections welcomed. Cmte will send letters to the president of each organization and follow up with phone calls asking for opportunity to attend a meeting as a representative of India Club + inquiring about space in the various newsletters to promote India Club. Calendar of events will be developed based on information gathered from these contacts. In establishing links with the student organization(s) emphasis will be on how India Club can be useful to the students, especially new students.

Program Cmte: Sudhansu Misra

Members- Ganapathy Swami, Sarat Mohapatra, Anoop Mathur, Rakesh Agarwala, Mukul Ganguli. Objective is to assess and evaluate programs that are candidates for being taken up by India Club, present cmte approved programs to Board for necessary action, generate ideas about programs that India Club might participate in, and act as clearinghouse for India Club sponsorship of cultural programs/events.

Festival of Nations: Apr 25-26-27

As Neena Gada will be in India for the next few months, Shanti Shah will be the contact person. Stefan Peterson is coordinating the cafe. Day captains and volunteers are needed. Harshad Bhatt will be day captain for Saturday.

Other business: Kashmira Irani described her plan for sending toys to India, asked for India Club support. Requires a non-profit organization as her fiscal agent in this project. Passed unanimously for India Club to be the non-profit organization as long as there would be no financial obligation on the part of India Club. Kashmira will work with the Program Cmte on details.

Board members asked to write down thoughts on India Club- what they hope to get from membership, why others might consider membership, benefits of membership, etc. and send to Carla Prakash for use in brochure.

Letter from Indian Tourist Development Corporation regarding duty free shops at international airports in India distributed by Ramanik Shah.

Announcement of a "Women's Club" for India Club distributed by Shirin Fristedt.

Meeting adjourned.

Carla Prakash for Ella Baldwin

India Club
Minutes of 2/19/86

Attending: Vijay Balakrishnan, Zeke Zdenek, Stefan Peterson, Ramanik Shah, Harshad Bhatt, Sudhansu Misra, Arun Shirole, P.A. Arimilli, Carla Prakash

Meeting called to order by President, P.A. Arimilli.

Minutes of 1/15/86 meeting approved.

Membership Cmte: Harshad Bhatt for Vinu Patel
Summarized work of the committee. Eleven new memberships announced.

Marketing Cmte: Vijay Balakrishnan
Discussed brochure mock-up and deadline for items for Spring newsletter (Feb 26). Read an address made by Shirin Fristedt at the first meeting of the "Women's India Club". Asked Board to consider a corporate membership category. Zeke Zdenek suggested India Club invite the Consul General from Chicago to visit the Twin Cities, possibly during the Festival of Nations. Padu Arimilli will write to Chicago on this. Zeke Zdenek, Jack Desai and Kannankutty will work together on a meeting with George Latimer informing him of the concerns of the Indian community. This meeting has the approval of India Club but is not an India Club event.

Program Cmte: Sudhansu Misra
Distributed minutes of the cmte meeting of 2/2/86. Announced Odissi dance performance on March 15 in cooperation with the Indo-American Association. India Club will assist with publicity.

Festival of Nations: Stefan Peterson
Volunteers are still needed. Final menu-chicken curry, rice pilaf, salad garnish, pakora, papad, mango shake. Goden Nambudripad coordinating the exhibit; Rita Mustaphi and Raneer Ramaswamy coordinating the program.

Treasurer's Report: Ramanik Shah
Report for year ending 12/31/85 distributed. Note of thanks from the Board for all the work done by Ramanik Shah.

Funeral Expenses of Sundarajan Ramamurthi:
Arun Shirole moved, Harshad Bhatt seconded.→India Club will advance up to \$1000 for expenses. Any donations received will be returned to India Club, with a maximum loss of \$250 to India Club. Approved.

Crisis Team:
Will be discussed at a future meeting.

Toys for India: Kashmira Irani
Written request for cooperation of India Club presented. Arun Shirole moved, Harshad Bhatt seconded.→President of India Club authorized to proceed with whatever is necessary barring any legal complications. Approved.

Carla Prakash for Ella Baldwin

December 18, 1985

Attending:

Carla Prakash
Anu Zdenek
Shirin Fristedt
Bert Fristedt
H. P. Bhatt
Ramanik Shah
Padu Arimilli
Zeke Zdenek
Atul Shroff
Vinu Patel
Vee Narayan
Ella Baldwin
Ganapathy Swami
Daljit Sikka

The Dec. 18th India Club meeting was called to order by the out going president, Zeke Zdenek.

The Secretaries report was distributed.

Ramanik Shah is working on a treasurers report which will include the past 3 years of the India Club.

Zeke Zdenek reported on the dinner attended by him & his wife with Indian Ambassador, Baipai. The dinner was held under the auspices of the Hubert H. Humphrey Institute and included many academics and local businessmen.

Festival of Nations -- General Chairperson -- Neena Gada
Report was given by Ram Gada

1. For Cafe - \$130.00 deposit was paid -- Stefan Peterson - Chairman
2. Bazaar - V. Garg - Chairman
3. Exhibit - Programs -- SILC - Neena Gada - Chairman

University Film Society -- asks for suggesting from the India Club as to which films to consider bringing under the auspices of the Festival of India.

Presentation of plaque to out-going president Zeke Zdenek - Vijay Balakrishnan

Zeke is responsible for the resurrection of the India Club three years ago and has served as its able president since that time.

At this time Zeke had to leave so the incoming president Padu Arimilli, continued the meeting.

The Festival of Nations is the major fund raiser for the India Club - Usually there are about 300 volunteers available, however each board member is requested to obtain at least one additional volunteer each.

Four Committees for the India Club were Formed:

1. Long Range Planning Committee -- Atul Shroff, Chair. Include, Shirin Fristedt, Daljit Sikka, & Ella Baldwin
2. New Membership Committee -- Vinu Patel - Chair. Include, D.S. Gopal, Anu Zdenek, Harshad Bhatt
3. Marketing Committee -- Vijay Balakrishnan, chair. Include, Shirin Fristedt, Zeke Zdenek, Ganapathy Swami
4. Liaison Committee -- Ram Gada, Chair. Include, Carla Prakash, Padu Arimilli, Harshad Bhatt, Vee Narayan, Ganapathy Swami. This committee will attempt to form a closer alliance with other Indian organizations.

Zeke Zdenek read a thank-you letter from the Childrens Home Society.

Suggestions to increase membership & awareness of the India Club:

Shirin Fristedt suggested the formation of an Indian Womens Club to facilitate communication to the Indian community. at large.

Atul Shroff suggested publishing the minutes.

Padu Arimilli suggested the creation of a new brochure.

The Committee for long-range planning goals will conduct a through study of a possible scholarship fund. A report of their study will be submitted to the India Club's board of directors, before any action will be taken in this area.

Formation of a program committee will be delayed until the next meeting.

Committee chairman should give a status report at each meeting.

Executive Committee will meet once between meetings - every first Wed. of the month at someone's home. Agenda of next India Club meeting will be sent with the meeting notice.

Documentation (if available) of work done by previous committees will be given to each committee chairman.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Ella A. Baldwin, Secretary, India Club

April 16th, 1986

Members Present:

Anu Zdenek
Ganapathy Swami
Vinu Patel
Neena Gada
Ram Gada
Vee Narayan
Daljit Sikka
Zeke Zdenek
Vijay Balakrishnan

Stefan Peterson
Padu Arimilli
Shirin Fristedt
Carla Prakash
Ella Baldwin
Sudhansu Misra
Pranab Lahiri
Kamal Sahgal
Ramanik Shah

The April 16th meeting of the India Club was called to order by the President, Padu Arimilli.

Neena Gada gave a report on the plans for the Festival of Nations. She will need two teen-age volunteers for all three days to be in costume and serve as flag bearers. There will be a drawing for all people participating in the Festival of Nations, so do not forget to fill out your form and put it in the box for the drawing.

Vino Patel gave a dues paid-membership report, which includes additional members brought in by each director.

Pranab Lahiri gave a report on the Tagore Celebration, to be held at Jefferson High School in Bloomington, on May 17th at 7:00 pm. The Consulate General of India from Chicago will be attending. Ram Gada suggested that the India Club have some sort of exhibit at this function, and also have a recitation in English of some of Tagore's poems.

Dave Pilgrim and Jane Waage of the Children's Home Society spoke about their plans for the next cultural day on May 31st. They asked for help from the India Club for various activities. Anu Zdenek has the lunch for that function organized.

Ramanik Shah gave a treasurers report:

\$75.00 paid for Festival of Nations, insurance - covers liability except for India Club members - they are covered under our own insurance.

\$500. has been advanced to Stefan Peterson to pay for supplies.

Stefan Peterson gave a report on the cafe for the Festival of Nations.

1400 pieces of chicken will be cooked on the premises. Additional menu will include pakoras, poperdums, and mango shakes.

Sudhansu Misra gave a report on the India Club's contribution to the March Food Share drive in Minnesota. 450 lbs of food and \$85.00 in cash were donated by the India Club. Padu Arimilli will write a letter about this food share project to other Indian organizations.

Vijay Balakrishnan suggested that the marketing committee have a meeting with the Consulate General on Sunday, May 18th in the afternoon. India Club brochures should also be taken to the May 31st program at the Children's Home Society, and by mailed to the members of PIC(Parents of Indian Children) as well.

Kamal Shagal put forth s proposal for a combined effort of the various Indian organizations in producing a variety program using local talent. He suggested an organizational meeting at the Eden Prairie Community Center on April 27th from 5:00 to 7:00 pm. Many people feared that his proposed date to hold this project(program) would conflict or serve as competition to the Indo-American Associations Diwali celebration in the fall. It as suggested that a different time would be better.

Ram Gada's liaison committee will attempt to summarize the objectives of the India Club and its activities in the past in a letter to be sent to the leaders of the local Indian Organizations, in an attempt to increase communication between them.

There will be a Minnesota Ethnic Heritage day on May 18th. Padu called for volunteers to dress in costume for this event.

Shirin Fristedt asked for a volunteer to speak to a church group on May 4th about tourism in India. Ella Baldwin volunteered to contact the church and speak on this topic.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Ella Baldwin, Secretary

India Club

Minutes of May 21, 1986

Attending: Basant Kharbanda, Vee Narayan, Ramanik Shah, Vinu Patel, Ram Gada, Neena Gada, Mary Engelmann, P.A. Arimilli, Stefan Peterson, Kusum Saxena, Vijay Balakrishnan, Pranab Lahiri, Harshad Bhatt, Carla Prakash.

Festival of Nations: India Club participated in all categories, Cafe, Exhibit, Program, Demonstrations and Bazaar. There was good public reaction to the exhibit. A check for \$600 was received from Mr. Agarwal for the Bazaar. Board suggests we negotiate prior to next year's Festival for the Bazaar arrangements and that those arrangements be given in writing to the Bazaar participant. This suggestion is not the result of any difficulty in the past, but rather to create some formal records of India Club's activities at the Festival. Draft financial report submitted by Stefan Peterson. India Club received approx. \$75 in ticket commissions. Board approved a donation of \$600 (plus expenses of less than \$100) to SILC in appreciation for their help with the Exhibit, Program and Demonstrations.

Tagore Jayanti: Pranab Lahiri reported that 350-400 people attended. Expenses were approx. \$400. Requested that India Club increase its previous donation of \$150 to \$300 because of the larger than anticipated expenses. Board approved donation of \$300 towards those expenses.

Children's Home Society: Workshop will be held May 31. India Club participating in panel discussion, demonstrations and lunch.

India Day: Sept 7, Landmark Center, 10am-5pm. Overall coordination, Vijay Balakrishnan; Entertainment, Pranab Lahiri; Food, Stefan Peterson; Ass'n Booths, Ram Gada/Liaison Cmte; Commercial Booths, Daljit Sikka(?); Marketing, Vijay Balakrishnan; Layout, _____. It is unlikely that India Club will be getting grants like last year, though some efforts will be made in that direction. Cmtes need to begin work immediately as the date has been moved up from what was originally planned.

Membership Cmte: Updated list was distributed.

Liaison Cmte: Padu and Vijay worked very hard to arrange for as many representatives of the Indian community as possible to meet with Consul General Nazareth. A letter will be sent to the contact person of India-interest groups in the Twin Cities to seek cooperation with India Club and news items for the newsletter.

Treasurer's Report: Bills approved- \$286.10 to Ram Gada for newsflash expenses, \$47.70 to Vinu Patel for flowers, \$15.87 to Neena Gada for flowers. Donation of \$69.00 was collected at Tagore Jayanti.

Carla Prakash, for Ella Baldwin

July 17, 1986

INDIA CLUB MEETING: AUGUST 21, 1986 -- 7:30 -- INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE

Attending:

Sudhansu Misra	Padu Arimilli
Ramanik Shah	Ella Baldwin
Shirin Fristedt	Arun Shirole
Bert Fristedt	Daljit Sikka
Vijay Balakrishnan	Zeke Zdenek
Vinu Patel	Bel Shenoi

The July 17th meeting of the India Club was called to order by the president Padu Arimilli.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved.

Ramanik Shah paid the fee and obtained the necessary forms for the bulk mailing permit. He, however, needs the certificate of incorporation of the India Club to present to the post office.

Membership Committee -- Vinu Patel

The newsletter is bringing in new members, however, Vinu suggests that we should suspend the membership drive at this time since it is reaching the second half of the year. Zeke Zdenek brought the updated mailing labels for the newsletter.

New Business -- Council of Asian-Pacific Minnesotans asked for help in naming their quarterly newsletter. Miriam Stonehill asked for support from the India Club for her performance at 7:00, Aug. 19th at the St. Paul Student Center. It will be publicity help that she is requesting. Padu asked if there were any volunteers who would be willing to participate in the aquatennial parade in national costume. Young people would be asked.

FESTIVAL OF INDIA CELEBRATION -- SEPTEMBER 7th

Sudhansa Misra -- Reported on equipment needed - tables, chairs etc.

Pranab Lahiri -- Entertainment - Reported that the stage will be used on the main floor. He will know the entertainment items by August 23rd. Reeta Mustafa will be consulted regarding decorations.

Daljit Sikka -- Business Booths -- Reported on the various business people who are interested in having booths. Business people will be required to remit 10% of their profits to the India Club, however, charitable organizations approved by the committee will not be required to make the same remittance. Diljit Sikka has a draft of a letter prepared for all business participants to sign.

Padu Arimilli is still working with the individual organizations within the Indian Community. There is a good chance that the Consulate General from Chicago will come after all. Mayor Latimer may come also. WCCO has not contacted Padu as yet.

Publicity - Vijay Balakrishnan -- He has four committees working on aspects of publicity. He is working on a full color poster at this time. He also has a \$2000.00 check from the Honeywell Foundation to defray the expenses of this celebration. Shirin Fristedt has volunteered to be one of the persons manning the India booth.

Padu Arimilli is having a plaque prepared for Bel and Suman Shenoi for all their help and support of India Club activities throughout the years. Bel and Suman Shenoi are moving to Dayton, Ohio, where he has taken a new position as the head of the Electrical Engineering dept. The India Club wishes you well in your new community.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Ella Baldwin