



India Association of Minnesota:
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India Club
Board Meeting
Jun 20, 1985

Board Members Present:

PA Arimilli
Kusum Saxena
Stefan Peterson
SK Dash
Ramanik Shah
Arun Shirole
R Kannankutty

Others:

Ram Gada
Krishna Saxena
Sushila Shah

Meeting called to order by Padu Arimilli.

Minutes from last meeting approved.

Due to lack of quorum a mail ballot will be sent to Directors for voting on the new Bylaws. Ballot will be mailed with a notice for a special meeting.

Announcements made; Sabir Hasan Radio program fundraiser, Sobha Naidu performance, Cricket match and donation appeal to cover expenses.

Ramanik Shah is working on filing past tax returns that were missed previous to his term as Treasurer.

Financial report from Festival of Nations not yet finalized.

Directors would like to see a complete list of paid members at next meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Carla Prakash on behalf of Ella Baldwin

NEXT MEETING: W Apr 17 7³⁰ pm International Institute

INDIA CLUB
March 20, 1985

Board Members present:

Arun Shirole
BA Shenoi
PK Lahiri
Stefan Peterson
SK Dash
HP Bhatt
Vijay Balakrishnan
Carla Prakash

Others:

Ram Gada

Meeting called to order by the Secretary, Carla Prakash. Minutes of Feb. 20 meeting approved.

Festival of Nations: Stefan Peterson reported that St Anthony High School will be the cooking site and that a "dry run" will be set up soon to test recipes. Ram Gada will check further on the availability of naan. Neena Gada is continuing to work on the rangoli demonstration. Members would like to get started on selling tickets for the Festival-when will they be available?

Newsletter: BA Shenoi reported that the newsletter will be out as soon as the mailing labels are printed. Long range goals will be the feature of the upcoming issue. Ram Gada will check on the possibilities for advertisers in the newsletter.

Landmark Center Event: Vijay Balakrishnan reported that a more detailed proposal should be available at next India Club meeting. Date has been tentatively set as Sept 8. Event will consist of concert, exhibits and food. Several funding bodies will be approached for financial support. Publicity will be focused outside the Indian community.

Festival of India: Pranab Lahiri passed much of the information he has gathered on to the planners of the Landmark Center event. Local government officials have indicated a willingness to support any local events with publicity, but no funds are available.

Bylaws: Ram Gada presented bylaws which will be copied and mailed to Board members. It is important that all Board members attend the April meeting as these Bylaws will be discussed and voted on. ~~may~~ *

Student Financial Assistance: Dr. Dash requested that the agenda for the April meeting include discussion of the formation of a permanent standing committee to deal with student financial assistance protocol and procedure, and student/India Club relations in general. *

Meeting adjourned.

Zeke - Dr. Dash would like a list of Cmte. members -
Do you have?
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Respectfully submitted,

Carla Prakash, for Ella Baldwin



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TO: LEADERS OF ORGANIZATIONS MEETING AT THE
INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE OF MINNESOTA

FROM: GLORIA A. KURKOWSKI, SUPERVISOR OF INTERCULTURAL PROGRAMS

RE: SCHEDULING OF MEETINGS AND/OR EVENTS, SEPTEMBER 1985
THROUGH SEPTEMBER 1986

Meetings and/or events for September 1985 through September 1986 are now being scheduled on the calendar. You are not guaranteed a meeting room because you had one last fall through spring. (Several groups will start meeting here in the fall.) Fill out the enclosed form giving dates and times of your organizations meetings/events and promptly return it.

Along with the meeting dates, please send the official name of the organization, its leader, the leader's address and telephone number (at work and at home) and any other information you think we should have.

Thank you for your cooperation in the past year. We are happy to provide a meeting place for your group. With the help and respect for the Institute's guidelines and facilities, we will be able to continue to open our building to you and other organizations.

The rental fee starting September 1985 is \$10.00 and is payable on the date of each of your meetings/events. *Events will be charge*

according to size of group and room.



A MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN COUNCIL FOR NATIONALITIES SERVICE AND A UNITED WAY AFFILIATE

April 17, 1985

Board Members Present:

Padu A. Arimilla
Carla Prakash
Zeke Adensk
B. A. Sheno
Stefan Peterson
S.K. Dash
Sanjay Syal
R. Kannankutty
Rakash Agarwala
Harshad Bhatt
Pranab Lahiri
Ella Baldwin

Others Present:

Rao Vellanki
Ram Gada
Neena Gada
Rakesh Verma

The April 17th meeting of the India Club was convened at 7:30 at the International Institute of Minnesota, with the president Zeke Zdensk presiding.

Due to more pressing matters the by-laws will be discussed at the May meeting.

Stefan Peterson reported on the plans for the cafe for the Festival of Nations, saying that the details have been worked out. We will be cooking the chicken on Sat. April 27th from 8:00 am until the job is finished in the kitchen of the St. Anthony High School. There will be a chick-pea - potatoe curry for vegetarians in place of the chicken available.

Day Managers Report:

1. Neena Gada & Sanjay Syal -- Have only 9 people for Friday, need more volunteers.
2. Pranab Lahiri -- Has all the people he needs.
3. Harshad Bhatt -- has all the people he needs.

There is a real need for the following items, Blenders, rice cookers, Extension cords, deep fryers, kitchen tools. Basically however, the cafe is all set.

Neena Gada reported that the yogi and sari demonstrations are set.

Preeti Mathur needs help in the booth with the music and musical instruments.

Neena Gada has advance tickets to sell. The India Club received 50¢ for each advance ticket sold.

Fred Dresser from the Minneapolis Aquatennial Committee gave a presentation, suggesting ways in which the India Club could get involved, as each year they try to focus on a particular country.

Dr. Dash spoke about the need to set up a Student Financial Aid - Scholarship Committee. A motion was made & passed that such a committee would be set up to make recommendations. Spending money would not be the function of this committee. Bel Shenoi volunteered to head the student aid committee to assess needs & formulate a program.

LAKESH VERMA

Bel Shenoi suggests that the India Club look first at other goals of the club and try first to increase our membership to give a more solid financial base from which to operate, before continually thinking of ways to spend our limited resources. R. Kannankutty will head a membership committee.

Zeke Zdensk made a motion that Ramki be made a honorary life time member of the India Club. Motion passed.

The expense of the newsletter was discussed but nothing was decided at the current meeting.

Respectively submitted,

Ella Baldwin, Secretary.

July 11, 1985

Board Members Present:

Padu Arimilli
Zeke Zdenek
Ella Baldwin
Stefan Peterson
Harshad Bhatt
S.K. Dash
Anoop Mathur
Ramanik Shah
Rama Pandey
Bash Singh

Others:

Ram Gada
Sushila Shah
Sada Gopal

The second July 11th meeting of the India Club was called to order by the president Zeke Zdenek.

Minutes of the June 20th meeting were approved.

Treasurers Report: The treasurer is working on the audit to submit for tax purposes to file for non-profit status.

A mailing list of board members was distributed.

A telephone list of real and prospective India Club members was distributed.

Cricket Team:

The Indo-American Association lost \$250.00 on the Cricket game. The India Club was asked to make up the difference, however, it was agreed that before doing that the India Club would first assist the Indo-American Association in collecting on unpaid pledges for the support of the Cricket Team.

Questions about why the India Club continually helps the Indo-American Association were explained through the long standing historical relationship which exists since most of the people who are presently in the current Indian Community here, came as students and were members of the Indo-American Association. It is the first frame of reference for new students coming from India to the Twin Cities and therefore very important to the well being of the community.

Dr. S.K. Dash presented the following statement:

"On behalf of the India Club I will set aside personally \$1000.00 to assist students of India for their higher studies. This money can be used to assist the students at the initial period of their program. Details will be worked out for the loan program."

S.K. Dash

There was mention of an Indian Christian Fellowship group beginning - no specific details.

It was decided that the India Club would pursue a licence to sell food at the State Fair for 1986, allowing each linguistic group to have one day apiece and to specify their own menu and prices.

The Riverfest project suggested by the Kabbi Restaurant conflicts with the Indo-American Associations Independence Day Picnic. This conflict will have to be resolved when the degree of participation of the Indian Community in Riverfest is determined.

Dr. Dash suggested some sort of retreat for the Indian Community at some future date. Nothing definite came of this short discussion, although Labor Day weekend was suggested. Dr. Dash suggested a Baptist Camp located on Green Lake in Wisconsin, as being a suitable place for such a retreat.

Stefan Peterson reported on the trip he and Shanti took to Washington D.C. involving the Festival of India, events and exhibits, primarily sponsored by the Smithsonian.

Respectfully submitted,

Ella Baldwin, Secretary

AGENDA FOR JULY 11, 1985

MEETING 1: BYLAWS ONLY, DISPENSE WITH ALL OTHER BUSINESS
EXCEPT MINUTES.

MEETING 2:

MINUTES
TREASURERS REPORT.

OLD BUSINESS:

AUDIT
TAX STATUS
MAILING LIST
REQUEST FROM INDOAMERICAN ASSOCIATION:

NEW BUSINESS: ALL GREAT OPPORTUNITIES

STATE FAIR: REPORT ON THE CONVERSATION WITH SHIRIN FRISTEDT
OF CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP.
HOW TO HANDLE.

INDIA DAY: SEPT 9;
INDIAN MUSIC SOCIETY HAS FUNDING REQUESTS IN
TIME TO START PLANNING

ETHNIC DAY IN RIVERPLACE: ABOUT 4 DAYS MID AUGUST.
SPONSORED BY RIVERPLACE
PRIMARILY COMMERCIAL
ROOM FOR US AND LOCAL PERFORMERS
HAVE MET WITH TARUN KAPOOR OF KEBABI, AND WILL MEET
AGAIN TOMORROW, ALONG WITH RAJA SESHADRI.

CHILDRENS HOME SOCIETY:
ASKED US IF WE CAN CATER A LUNCH TO ADOPTIVE PARENTS
DAY IN LATE SEPTEMBER, 26TH I THINK. THEY'LL HANDLE THE
INSTRUCTORS AND DEMONSTRATIONS, AND WE GET TO MAKE A PITCH.

CONTINUED DISCUSSION ON MEMBERSHIP AND FUNDING.

OTHER ITEMS?

July 11, 1985

Board Members attending:

Padu Arimilli
Zeke Zdenek
Ella Baldwin
Stefan Peterson
Harshad Bhatt
S.K. Dash
Anoop Mathur
Ramanik Shah
Rama Pandey
Bash Singh

Others:

Ram Gada
Sushila Shah
Sada Gopal

The first July 11th meeting of the India Club was called to order by the President Zeke Zdenek.

Purpose of the Meeting: To Pass the By-Laws of the India Club

It was agreed that the general meeting of the India Club will be held in Sept/Oct during which the membership of the India Club will elect the new board for the coming year. At the following Feb.meeting of the India Club the board will make a special effort to invite interested India Club members to approve the accounts of the previous year.

Item 9.1.5 of the by-laws was amended to read "at least $\frac{1}{2}$." A motion was made and passed to accept the by-laws with the above changes.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Ella Baldwin, Secretary