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Meeting Minutes 17th May 1989.

Meeting began with Sam Mitra reporting on Aara Day at the Capitol attended by about 5000 people. India Club accepted certificates from the Governor on behalf of all but 2 Indian organizations.

A resolution was passed to accept postponement of the Tagore Dance Drama 'Tarhar Desh' until June 1990. The sum of \$8530 from the Metro Arts Council will be invested by India Club.

The possibility of changing admission at \$2 for India Day was discussed. Sam Mitra and Raj Ramaswamy see to check into cost impacts (rental fee) of changing Admission versus Donation.

The financial report from food sales at the Festival of Nations was presented. It was a record year for profits. Copies of financial statements were circulated.

A resolution was passed to present 40% of the net profits to SICC.

Shanti Shah reported that a letter will be sent to students coming from India describing the Host Family Program. Also reported on was the result of a student survey indicating about 80% satisfied with the Host Family Program. Shanti plans to have a list of hosts for new students ready by the end of summer.

Rodan Nambudripad reported on the Workshop for Children's Home Society - by all accounts a great success. Children's Home Society have paid India Club \$400 for expenses. Other ~~it~~ events coming up are participation at the KICA Auction on June 13, and a committee meeting on May 20.

Sudansu Misra suggested hosting an Asian forum, inviting legislators. Also mentioned were the Minnesota Book Fair on Sept 30 and the 1990 Census - Asians are urged to participate.

Ram Kedia reported on the first meeting of Community

organization on April 21. It was attended by representatives from 15 organizations. Task forces were set up to address the following issues:

- Raise public image & develop resource guide.
- Participation in local community activities.
- Common address database.
- Single newsletter.
- Youth Activities.
- Community Calendar cleaning House.

Next meeting will be on June 10.

The school speakers bureau program is going well. Ella Baldwin reports 10 requests - several speeches given ~~and~~ already.

Respectfully submitted.

Vijay Balakrishnan. for.

Ramesh Ajitaprasad.

Meeting Notice June 21, 7:30 pm International Institute
Agenda.

- 1) Approval of last meeting minutes.
 - 2) Treasurer replacement / approved.
 - 3) Activity reports. Name change approved.
- Liaison -> updated - Joint newsletter details.
 - Asia-Pacific -> Joint board mtg declined.
 - General Community Program.
 - Festival of India. See over.
 - Youth Affairs.
 - Membership - 106 members to date, 175 not renewed.

Call DJ & Ram.

Pay Post Office for book - July Telethon.

- Ram Manik.

Festival of India - sat 6/10.

Sep. 24.

Theme: Nehru Centenary - Freedom & Democracy.

Funding: \$1 per ticket, children free.

- Advance sales.

- Donate 20% to foodshare.

- Vij, Kishanah for entertainment

- Successa training.

- Michel Cranguly is Art. Mgr.

- Theme: Preeti.

- Ticket:

- Donations - Journey to India.

Meeting Minutes. India Club Meeting 21. 1989

The meeting began at 7.30 pm. Stefan Peterson presented an update on membership. To date we have 106 members. Stefan undertook to arrange a mass mailing and a telethon before the next meeting. Vijay Balakrishnan undertook the action of exploring the possibility of using either Ram Chandra's office or Daljit Sikkas office for this purpose.

Raj Rameswamy presented an update on Festival of India preparations. He is putting the organization together now. The decision was made to charge a \$1 entry fee. He will present the complete organization at the next meeting.

Vijay Balakrishnan presented details of the June 10th meeting of organization Presidents. One of the actions was to draw up the charter for an independent newsletter board.

This charter will be presented to the India Club board to decide whether India Club wishes to participate.

India Club participated in the KTCRA fund raiser auction. The Community Programs Committee will prioritize their ^{other} action ideas and present at the next meeting.

The Resource Guide is still in review.

The board voted unanimously to appoint Ashim Rabinan as the new Treasurer to replace Anur Kumar Khambhange who is leaving town.

The board also authorized ~~Stefan~~ Stefan Peterson to sign on behalf of Ramosh Apitaprasad as Secretary, on the change of address form, for the Club Account at TCF.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vijay Balakrishnan.

for R. Apitaprasad.

MEETING NOTICE

BOARD MEETING ON JULY 19 AT 7.30 PM AT THE INTERNATIONAL HOUSE.

- 1) Approval of Minutes.
- 2) Second Quarter Goals Review.
- 3) Treasurer's Report.

INDIA CLUB OF MINNESOTA

Minutes 3/15/89

Attending: Hari Arimilli, H.P.Bhatt, Ram Gada, Aditya Gurajada, Kurt Johnston, Arun Kumar Kambhampati, Sudan Misra, Smarajit Mitra, Godan Nambudiripad, Vinu Patel, Stefan Peterson, Rahim Rahaman, Shanti Shah and Geeta Sivasailam.

As Vijay Balakrishnan was out of town, Smarajit Mitra chaired the meeting.

Host Family: Aditya Gurajada noted that it may be possible to include the letters of introduction, on behalf of the India Club, with the package sent out by the University to the students in India who will be joining next Fall. The other alternative is to obtain the addresses from the U of M and send our letters separately. Indo-American Assoc will discuss this with the University personnel in mid-April. Ram Gada will survey last year's students to see how the program and its benefits was received by them.

Sudan Misra informed the club about the planned Minnesota Asia Pacific Day on April 27, 1989. This is being sponsored by the Governor's office and will be held at the Capitol. A planning meeting for the participation of the Asian Indian Community in this event is scheduled for March 20, 1989.

Festival of Nations: Vinu Patel indicated that arrangements were moving smoothly for this event. Food has been ordered from Shamiana and some items will be cooked at the site. An advance payment of \$800 will be needed in April. Advance ticket sales will begin shortly and Neena Gada will distribute some tickets to Board members for sale.

Youth Festival: Shanti Shah will forward a report on this year's program proceedings and some recommendations for the future, in the April meeting. The cost of the program this year was about \$300. The winning essays will be published in the newsletter. Rahim Rahaman urged that the various funding organizations would be more interested in supporting this project if bicultural activities directed towards integration of the youth in the American society was emphasized.

Membership: Stefan Peterson is planning to mail out the membership surveys with the renewal notices. Membership applications could also be mailed to the general mailing list to invite new memberships.

Newsletter: Kavita Mehta has resigned. Ramesh Ajitaprasad and Stefan Peterson will take this responsibility. The next issue will be coming out by the end of April.

Shanti Shah proposed a *Young Adults* get-together in summer sponsored by the India Club. Hari Arimilli will look into this dance/social type of project. The *Financial planning* seminar may be scheduled on May 20. This will be arranged by Godan Nambudiripad who also reported on the Little Brothers program on St. Patrick's Day and his participation in it with the help from others. Vinu Patel urged that **all** Board members should make a sincere attempt to attend these monthly meetings. Rahim Rahaman proposed cultural programs on themes of contemporary Indian Society and this should be a long range plan for the club. The 1989

INDIA CLUB OF MINNESOTA

Minutes 4/19/89

Attending: Ramesh Ajitaprasad, Hari Arimilli, Vijay Balakrishnan, Ram Gada, Arun Kumar Kambhampati, Kanta Kumar Smarajit Mitra, Kalyan & Rita Mustaphi Godan Nambudiripad, Vinu Patel, Bipin Prasad, Rahim Rahiman, and Raj Ramaswamy.

The meeting started with the approval of last month's meeting minutes. Arun Kumar briefed the budget status and said that, with the present programs and activities we have to take a deficit. Members felt that if the programs were good why not have a deficit, and also should try to explore the possibilities of getting more funds. Finally the budget was approved.

Festival of Nations: Vinu Patel indicated that arrangements were moving smoothly for this event. Food is in the Twin Cities and everything is on schedule. Godan N. said that the theme for the exhibits is **Costumes**. Viji Keshaviah is organising the costumes and Rita M said that the 22 SILC children will be participating in **rumba** dance. Over 200 participants will be present for a smooth success. Ram G distributed advance tickets for the event.

Tagore Dance Drama: Raj R and Rita M said that this year's event will be held on 29th July, at 7 p.m. at St. Catherine College in St. Paul. This event will be a multi-source funded project. Raj R asked for \$8350 from the club, but the board has not yet made any decision on this aspect. Briefly summarising, Smarjit M said that the theme is modern and a whole lot different from last year's theme, and it has more costumes and a message is being conveyed in this episode "**The land of Cards**". Also there was a general feeling among the members present that children under 5 may not be allowed, and the event will be a ticketed event. Rita M said that any new artiste who wishes to participate in the program is welcome, but the person will go through an audition before being accepted. For more information please contact Rita M. Vijay B felt the need for guideline in selectiong future programs like Modern History or History of India etc etc.

Asia Pacific Week: Smarjit M informed the club about the planned Minnesota Asia Pacific Day on April 27, 1989. This is being sponsored by the Governor's office and will be held at the Capitol. All members of the community will get a plaque from the Governor on 27th. There will be an ethnic programs and food starting from 10 till 2:30 p.m.

Festival of India: Raj R requested to have the cultural program by a dance group coming from out of town be sponsored by India Club. Raj also wanted to know as to what kind of support will the India Club provide for the cultural program. The general consensus among the members after looking into the budget constraints was to '**let's wait and see**'. Raj was asked to provide more details and areas of support he needs for the program.

Newsletter: Get the newsletter by 26th April. Ramesh A and Vijay B will work on this.

Ram G said that on Apr 22 between 10 and 12 noon there will be meeting of all community organizations to try to improve the image and identity of the the Indian community, and also to integrate the community.

Hari A said the proposed **Young Adults** get-together in summer sponsored by the India Club is in progress and he is looking forward for a favourable budget approval.

The **Financial planning** seminar will be rescheduled to Nov 11'89 in Hindu Mandir. Main focus will be on Investment in India. This will be arranged by Godan Nambudripad who also reported on the Minnesota Childrens Home society's program on 29th April.

Meeting adjourned.

May meeting is on 17th at International Institute at 7 pm.
The Agenda is as follows.

1. Approval of previous meeting minutes.
2. Activities reports:

- Treasurer's report.
- Programs:
 - Festival of Nations.
 - Tagore Dance/Drama.
 - Youth affairs.
 - General community program.
 - Festival of India.
- Public Relations.
 - Asia-Pacific council.
 - Community Liaison.
- Communications.
 - Newsletter.
 - Resources.
 - School speaking Engagements.
- Memberships.

3. Goals and Plans.

- Ramesh Ajitaprasad



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budget meeting was called by Arun Kumar Kambhampati and the budget was approved.

Meeting adjourned.

April meeting is on 19th at International Institute at 7 pm.
The Agenda is as follows.

1. Approval of previous meeting minutes.

2. Activities reports:

- Treasurer's report.
- Programs:
 - Festival of Nations.
 - Tagore Dance/Drama.
 - Youth affairs.
 - General community program.
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INDIA CLUB OF MINNESOTA
Minutes- 2/15/89

Attending: Vijay Balakrishnan, Vinu Patel, Ram Gada, Arunkumar Kambhampati, Sadanand Pathre, Raj Ramaswamy, Godan Nambudiripad, Jacob Chercheril, Shanti Shah, Carla Prakash, Bipin Prasad, Stefan Peterson, Gundu HR Rao.

Youth Festival: Report from Shanti Shah, brochure has been mailed and distributed at SILC, Mandir, Geeta Ashram, etc. North Star Ballroom rental will not be free as anticipated, also there will be a charge for table and chair rental. Expenses will likely be over \$500 as a result. India Club is committed to this program so there will be no change this year, but venue may change for next year. Major portion of Youth Festival expenses is in area of plaques, consensus of group to limit plaques to First Prize winners as cost-cutting measure. Next year we should explore more foundation support for the event. Memberships will be heavily promoted at the door, but soliciting donations will not. Still working on judges.

Festival of Nations: Presale tickets should be available in March. Important to line up next years organizers this year, so they can learn on-the-job. Investigating food options, primarily catered food. Emphasis on aggressive sales staff at Cafe. Report from Ram Gada and Vinu Patel.

Liaison Cmte: Planning worksheet distributed by Ram Gada. Encourages comment from Board and members.

Membership: General discussion of concept of Life Membership. Consensus of group was to establish a Life Membership at \$100. Regular membership continues at \$10. Membership from will include options for donations in effort to solicit donation beyond the standard \$10 membership fee. Membership "bills" will be mailed soon, questionnaire from Community Program Cmte will be included along with a cover letter from Club President. Stefan Peterson is coordinating.

Community Program Cmte: Proposed activities list distributed by Godan Nambudiripad. Questionnaire developed by the Cmte to solicit comments from the membership on activities suggested will be mailed with membership "bills". Also suggested that each Board member make an effort to make a personal contact with members to determine interest in various activities.

Corporate Liaison: Vijay Balakrishnan reported on the efforts of Satyen Patel and Anil Gowda toward a quarterly newsletter to Minnesota businesses about the business climate in India.

School Speaking Engagements: Vijay Balakrishnan reported that Ella Baldwin is in the process of contacting public school districts.

Newsletter: Stefan Peterson announced that the next issue is in process. Kavita Mehta is no longer able to work on the Newsletter. Consensus of group to purchase an electric stapler.

Festival of India: Raj Ramaswamy will be coordinating the event. Landmark Center has been reserved for Sept 24.

Resource Guide: Preliminary cost estimates of approximately \$500 for 250 copies. Final proposal will be ready by next meeting. Carla Prakash.

Budget: 1989 budget distributed by Arunkumar Kambhampati. He will call a special meeting in March to finalize the budget after looking at program proposals.

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Wall Street Journal article: Vijay Balakrishnan distributed copies of an article that appeared in Feb 8 issue. Response will be sent to Wall Street Journal by Vijay as President of India Club. Copies to Embassy and Consular offices.

Dance performance: Raj Ramaswamy reported on an upcoming performance organized by Nriyayajyoti. Consensus of group to provide a set of mailing labels at cost to this group since it is nonprofit and promotes Indian cultural activities. Timing of this event and publication of India Club newsletter precludes using the newsletter to publicize this event.

Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting on 15 March 89 at International Institute at 7:30 pm.

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ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF

THE INDIA CLUB OF MINNESOTA

December 17, 1988

AGENDA

1. President's Report
2. Treasurer's Report
3. Nomination of the Board of Directors for 1989
4. Election of the 1989 Board of Directors
5. Suggestions and comments on the progress of the India Club
6. Adjourn

BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING

December 17, 1988

AGENDA

1. Approval of meeting minutes from November 16, 1988
2. Election of Officers for 1989
3. President's message
4. New business
5. Adjourn

INDIA CLUB OF MINNESOTA

Minutes 7/19/89

Attending: *Ramesh Ajitaprasad, Hari Arimilli, Vijay Balakrishnan, Jacob Cherusseril, Ram Gada, Smarjit Mitra, Godan Nambudiripad, Bipin Prasad, Stefan Peterson, Rahim Rahiman, and Raj Ramaswamy.*

The meeting started with the approval of last month's meeting minutes.

Vijay B reviewed India Club's 1989 goals set, against what has been done so far.

Festival of India: Raj R indicated that arrangements were moving smoothly for this event. He said that small committees are being formed and the overall theme for this year's festival is **Freedom & Democracy**. There will be a cultural programme from different India interest organizations, and each group will get approximately 8 minutes for the programme. There will be a slide presentation titled **Journey to India**.

It was decided to charge an event fee of \$1.00 per head. There will be advance ticket sales for the Festival, and can be had as early as in the next month's meeting.

Newsletter: Get the newsletter by 15th of August. Ramesh A and Vijay B will work on this.

Meeting adjourned.

August meeting is on the 16th at International Institute at 7:30 pm.
The Agenda is as follows.

1. Approval of previous meeting minutes.
2. Activities reports:

- Treasurer's report.
- Programs:
 - Festival of India.
 - Host family Program.
 - General community program.
- Public Relations.
- Community Liaison.
- Communications.
 - Newsletter.
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3. Goals and Plans.

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INDIA CLUB OF MINNESOTA

Minutes 10/18/89

Attending: *Ramesh Ajitaprasad, Vijay Balakrishnan, Smarjit Mitra, Stefan Peterson, and Raj Ramaswamy.*

The meeting started with the approval of last month's meeting minutes.

Festival of India: Raj R presented the financial results of the festival. Our expenses were about \$500(un-audited) over the income. The reasons were attributed to low number of ticket sales, and other stationery expenses.

Some of the Indian community were donating warm clothing to the visiting Tibetan folk dancers, in this regard Vijay B asked if he could use India club's letter head as part of the covering letter. It was agreed upon by everyone to include it.

Memberships: Stefan announced that the memberships are now improving, but still has scope for improvement. Those members who have not yet paid their subscriptions please do so at the earliest.

Newsletter: November newsletter was mailed, thanks to Vijay B, Stefan P, Carla and Prakash, and Ramesh A.

Meeting adjourned.

November meeting is on the 15th at International Institute at 7:30 pm.
The Agenda is as follows.

1. Approval of previous meeting minutes.
2. Activities reports:
 - Treasurer's report.
 - Programs:
 - Nomination of Committee for year 1990.
 - Diwali-Thanks giving Food Share for elderly.
 - Public Relations.
 - Community Liaison.
 - Communications.
 - Newsletter.
 - Resources.
 - School speaking Engagements.
 - Memberships.
3. Goals and Plans.

Ramesh Ajitaprasad,
11-nov-89