

Minutes of IWA meeting  
August 11, 2014; 7-9:00 pm  
3371 Putnam, WL47906

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Present: Lakshmi Garimella, Kumari Govindaraju, Rwitti Roy, Sangita Handa, Punam Mittal, Renu Bajaj and Anju Dev.

### **ANNUAL PICNIC**

The date of this event is September 6, 2014 this year. Time: 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm.

Reservations for this event at Happy Hollow Park have already been made by Rashmi.

Ticket price - \$8 per person for Non-members

\$6 for IWA members

Free for children under the age of 4 years.

Rain location is expected to be BTCCGL; Board members are still checking with BTCCGL about that.

**Menu:** Samosa (2 each person), Vegetable Biryani, Chhole, Naan. Food is being catered by Sharma's Kitchen. Board members will bring watermelon, cookies and water. Anju will check with Sharma's Kitchen for an appropriate dead-line for orders. Meanwhile, Sept. 3 is the tentative deadline for people to respond about participation in the picnic.

**Sports Programs:** Different games for adults and children were discussed, including a jeopardy-style game. Cherry Spoon Race and Ring Toss were also discussed as likely choices. There will be prizes for all participants in addition to prizes for winners.

### **CELEBRATION OF INDIA 2014**

#### **Performances**

Update on Cultural program: Rajdeep is coming this time again. Rwitti will check with the music performances agent, if a better, more well-known singer can be brought for the same price. Samarpita Bajpai is already on board for 1 hr performance.

Kumari will check with Purdue groups such as Taal, Raas and PIDC about presenting their performances.

This shall be done at the end of August, giving students sufficient time to establish leaders of these groups. Other local performances include Debjaya's dance group, "Stages of Life" to be performed by various members of the community, songs by Carnatic group and a Hindustani group.

Total duration time for these performances was estimated as 3 ½ hours.

**Food** – Charu is to be reminded about contacting food vendors. Food vendors will be located in the multipurpose room. The main Gym Hall shall house the stage, vendors, and tea stall with water and Chai.

**Fund Raising Campaign** was discussed. It is expected to begin shortly after the Sponsorship letter is finalized in the next couple of days. Anju Dev made a request to Lakshmi Garimella on behalf of Chase Bank to submit the non-profit form 501c, and W-9 form for IWA to be considered for sponsorship by the bank. Renu Bajaj will request Hema to do the necessary paperwork.

**Scholarship Fundraising** – A letter of request for donations will be sent out shortly to IWA members, and some key members of the community that are likely to support this program. An email was received from Prof. Mangala Subramaniam requesting if the scholarship awards could begin from next spring instead of this fall; however, the board decided to go ahead with the project this fall since it was considered doable.

**IWA Cookbook** - Rashmi Chaturvedi is getting 25 cookbooks printed in India.  
3 e-cook books have been purchased so far.

### **Yoga for a Cause**

Fees for Yoga sessions by IWA members were confirmed to be similar to last year:

\$12 for 4 sessions

\$4 for individual sessions

Yoga for a Cause shall be offered starting from August 18, 2014 for four sessions, Sept 1, 8, and 15. Sept 1 session falls on the Monday of Labor Day; if sufficient participants request, this session shall be moved to Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Rashmi will be sending email reminder about Yoga classes to IWA members.

**Yoga Workshop** – Mr. and Mrs. Kalvade shall be presenting a Yoga Workshop, sponsored by BTCCGL, on September 4-14, 2014. IWA will inform participants of YOGA FOR A CAUSE about this workshop.

### **IWA website**

Namita Balachander has done a great job in revamping the IWA website. A direct link to IWA FACEBOOK has been established from IWA website. New registrations at the website will be directly downloaded into an Excel File, along with their names, addresses and other pertinent information; IWA will request Namita to do the same for different events such as Holi, Garba, Diwali, parties, etc. Some debate ensued over the placement of pictures of members on the website but that seems unlikely to happen at present.

Namita shall be sending manual to Punam Mittal for website maintenance and making changes.

### **Sanskriti**

Meena sent a reminder that next issue of Sanskriti will be the last issue for the current year. She asked if the fee for advertisements is subject to change for next year. The Board decided to increase the fees starting from January 2015. The board reserves the right to change the fee at its discretion, especially in cases where hardship is involved.

**Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.**