

MINUTES OF MEETING
OF
January, December 25th 2023

Location:

Zoom meeting.

DIRECTORS IN ATTENDANCE: President: Nargess Lakehal Ayat. Vice President: Jamel Derradji. Secretary: Nabila Zerarka(left during the last third of the meeting) Director: Nesma Mati Director: Nacera Tahi.

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Treasurer: Larbi Lezzam. Director: Elias Brahim. Director: Anya Tahi(excused)

After ensuring the quorum was met, the presidents opened the meeting at 7:15

AGENDA:

1. Discuss Issues raise by Nabila prior to the event.
2. Discuss the resignation received today by our board member and treasurer, Larbi lazzam.
3. Discuss and (maybe) vote on a new identified treasurer. Please, read the bylaws (every member of the board should be familiar with the bylaws)
http://www.aaagw.org/pdf/AAAGW_Bylaws_2012.pdf
4. Vote on whether we want to share/ forward and support the AzzedineStamboulirequest.
5. Discuss the Yennayer event, general evaluation and issues raised by valued members. Without any sort of interruption, each member should give a report on the task and activities they were assigned to do during the event and discuss the degree to which they were completed to discuss improvements for the next event.
6. Discuss the returns of the event and create a new plan on how to handle the next event whether it should be payable and how much as well as logistics, tasks, activities, collaborations, finance, communication, and more.
7. Discuss the upcoming event tentative date, place, and managers.
8. Other business.

MINUTES

- 1- The president went over a list of some membership renewals.
- 2- The president read the minutes of the previous meeting for the meeting board members approval.
- 3- The president asked board member Nabila to explain the questions and issue she had raised about procedural practice by the president. Then the president addressed these issues and questions.
- 4- The board discussed the resignation of the treasurer and the reasons he put forward for his resignation. In the official note he had mentioned personal reasons, but in the private communication, he had mentioned the board members short comings.
- 5- The board voted on Nacera Tahi as interim treasurer.
- 6- The president introduced a board member candidate to the board, Mrs. Paula Derradji who volunteered during the latest event. The board voted on welcoming Paula as the new board member.
- 7- Yennayer event of 1/21/23 Evaluation: the president asked the board members present in the meeting to give self-reflective remarks from each member's performance on the tasks assigned. Each board member took turn on overall assessments of the event, and their own tasks listing what worked what was a challenging, and what lessons were learned
- 8- Discussed hiring new board members and volunteers to help with the coming events.
- 9- Discussed some issues raised by members during the event.
 - a. The issue of Dahmane-Baguette Republique and the cake tradition incident. As a result, board members decided to send an apologetic card and a \$100 gift certificate to compensate for the mistake that fell on our end. Members agreed that \$100 will come out of the pocket of the board members and not the association fund.
 - b. For the next event, we ask members to send their favorite music ahead of time of the event so that no one interrupt the DJ during the vent.
 - c. For the next event DJ and VIP guests such as the consul will get a reserved table and are invited to eat or served before the lines start getting crowded.
 - d. For the next event, two board members will sit at the door table with colorful bracelets for members and non-members plus guest of members. Non-members are to pay their due at the door or pay a fee that the board will identify prior to the event.
- 10- Discussed to potentially hold the event in a ballroom in Maryland, on March 11/ 21. Nacera will get us the info about the place, and we decide on the booking.
 - a. Topic should be on education and powerful message to help women succeed in their career
 - b. Room has to be large and can hold up to 200 people.
 - c. Food area shouldn't be at the entrance of a room.
 - d. Permission to collect funds such as membership and donation.
 - e. Room has to have hours of operation that will go beyond 9:00 PM.
 - f. Items to display (silent auction or Bazaar) should be set up at the sentence.
- 11- Board agreed to convene to discuss the event detail on Sunday @ 6:00 PM.

Agenda items covered the meeting was ended at

