

Algerian American Association of Greater Washington

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Date: 09/03/2023 Time: 13:00 – 14:45

Location:

Zoom Meeting

DIRECTORS IN ATTENDANCE: Nargess Lakehal Ayat: President, Djamel Derradji: Director

Nacera Tahi: Director, Anya Tahi: Secretary, Paula Derradji: Director

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Nadra : Treasurer (Excused), Nesma Benfares (Excused)

AGENDA:

1. Welcome our new Board member, Hanane.
2. Revisit the conversation of commitments and communication channels.
3. Treasurer updates on memberships expired, in good standing, remind board members to renew their memberships if expired.
4. Anya- report on our SSL Montgomery Public Schools initiative.
5. Discuss organizing a casual less hectic but interesting youth back-to-school small event in collaboration with the <https://algerianamericanfoundation.org/> The event can be a movie screening and roundtable discussion about colleges.
6. Suggested dates: Sep 15/16/17 or 30.
7. Discuss our planning for our upcoming big Annual Hafla event Scheduled for November 11 to include the details that come with it.
8. Such as: a- The Location, b- Rental fees, c- Artist Fees, accommodation, and additional related fees, d- Other activities such as a Miss Algerian-American contest & fashion show presentation, e- Algeria ppt presentations to be streamed during the event, f- Suggested menu and battlers, g- Suggested tickets sales and protocols, h- Invitations and VIPs, i- Ways to advertise or not for the event, j- Buy a new PayPal card reader and set it up to work ASAP, k- Buy a color-printer machine to use for our brochures etc., l- Other related questions.
9. Nadra, Nacera and Nargess need to agree on a time / date to finalize the treasurer bank paperwork by going to the bank ASAP.
10. Discuss the possibility of collaboration for this event with the Algeria Embassy and or the next event.
11. Discuss renting rooms for our year ahead event.
12. Discuss the annual assembly date, report, and protocol.
13. Other businesses

MINUTES

- 1) Board of Directors welcomed new member Hanane.

- 2) President addressed again channels of communication and that members need to respond in a timely manner to questions, voting and tasks.
- 3) Treasurer was not present/ no updates on membership, but president reminded everyone to renew their expired membership.
- 4) Anya explained the SSI and what our org to get the application process in Montgomery County. Anya will look into SSL for Fairfax.
- 5) The board discussed organizing a youth event or Mouloud. No decision or action has been made.
- 6) Annual Hafla
 - a) Discussed the hafla overall to include:
 - Possible collaboration with embassy of Algeria
 - Possible places/venues to hold the event and costs in general.
 - Costs of catering and menu (Mechoui/couscous/Ord Oeuvres)
 - Costs of artist fees, accommodation and more.
 - b) After a meeting with the Ambassador:
 - A proposal will be needed to see what aid we are able to receive from the ambassador.
 - Meaning that the Hafla will be a collaboration between the AAAGW and Embassy (AAAGW Anniversary + Nov. 1)
 - Looking to figure out how costs are to be split between the Embassy and AAAGW
 - c) Discussed the tentative program of the event with the collaboration of the embassy of Algeria or without. The program includes:
 - Catered seated dinner, hire butlers and (maybe) a chef.
 - Miss Algeria America contest & Fashion show
 - Contact the designer to discuss a deal.
 - Prepare a Powerpoint Presentation on Algeria National Day and Algeria culture.
 - Suggested tickets price at 100 for members 120 for non-members (subject to change).
 - Purchase of a new PayPal card reader and create a new account.
 - Purchase a color printer on hold!
 - d) Algerian guy who does poetry/art is looking to display and sell his poetry though the association. A percentage of the income will go towards the AAAGW. Nacera will follow up and update us.
 - e) Have some ladies bake some Algerian delights for the event: a percentage of the income will help a women association in Algeria (TBD), the rest split between AAAGW and the women doing the bake. (subject to change).
- 7) Other items have not been discussed due to lack of time. To be continued.....
- 8) Meeting adjourned at 2: 45 PM.