

## Minutes of IWA board meeting on September 10th at Shipra Guptas house.

### Attendees:

Renu Bajaj, Kumari Govindaraju, Lakshmi Garimella, Humaira Gowher, Riwitti Roy, Bindu Komallavally, Anisha Singhal, Shipra Gupta, Pushpa Toppo, Smita Carneiro, Debjaya Misra, Uma Peeta

COI: This will be held on November 11th

We will be getting an outside singer, Soujanya Madubhusa, cousin of Karniya who won Indian Idol.

She charges \$1500 plus expenses (flight etc). Clarification needs to be done as to how much expenses will be.

It will be a sit down dinner, catered by a single vendor.

Tickets sold are for both cultural program as well as dinner.

Anisha to talk to Harrison to see if we can host it there as we are being charged quite a bit by Faith West.

Annual Sanskriti: To go ahead with this. Riwitti to be in-charge of content. All board members need to work on getting advertisements. Formatting of advertisements to be done by Debjaya, Renuji and Shipra and also Amruta (she needs to be asked).

We talked about the cookbook launch.

Shipra talked about getting a stall in the Diwali event at Springfield. Depending on that, we will go, Smita and Shipra to go for sure.

IWA's current bank account not set up to be able to transfer money abroad (to India). Kumari and Renuji had a lot of trouble transferring money to the printers in India for the cookbook. Bank account setup to be changed later.

Funds will be collected for victims of hurricane Harvey and Irma. To be sent to Seva International. Sangitaji to send email out about this.

Neetu Sinha's fund: As of today \$2600.00 has been collected. Part will go to LUM for Neetu and the rest directly to Neetu.

We will be giving some of COI proceeds to LUM Immigration Clinic by sponsoring their Port of Hope dinner. This is on Nov 09 just before COI and we will be giving them \$750.00. We will also be giving some money to Food Finders.

### Action Items:

Anisha to check with Harrison about us using that venue for COI.

Kumari to check the expenses for the singer.

Shipra to check about price of stall in Springfield for the Indian community's Diwali event.

Rwitti to find out from printer and the designer in India about the time line about Sanskriti Magazine latest by end of this week.

Renu/Kumari will work on the Ad letter/invoice for the advertisement for Sanskriti and Rwitti will look at it.

Renu/Kumari will work on the Sponsorship letter for COI and Rwitti will look at it!!