

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date: 02/10/13

Venue: 115 Gardenia Dr. West Lafayette, 47906 West Lafayette, IN 47906

Time: 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Present: Rashmi Chaturvedi, Deepa Divakaran, Punam Mittal, Renu Bajaj, Sangita Handa, Meena Narsimhan, Veena Sagi, Hema Suresh.

I. Update from Members

Charu - Directory, advertising, bylaws, printing status

Charu Balachander, has been working hard on making the IWA Directory available by the Welcome party on February 17th. She showed a prototype of the new directory which was very impressive. All the advertisements had been printed, as were the names of renewed members.

Hema Suresh will be writing a brief introductory paragraph on the inner side of the cover page. The directory would be ready to be printed after making suggested changes in the design of the front cover in addition to other proposed changes in the content.

Meena – Sanskriti

A copy of Sanskriti prepared painstakingly by Meena was passed around to appreciative board members. The newsletter was in good shape to go for printing. It was decided that Charu and Meena would take the directory, Sanskriti and the membership sheet to the printers in the coming week.

Renu – Membership

Renu reported that membership numbers were increasing in response to the phone campaign launched by board members in the past week. There was a projection of the total tally of 100 plus members.

Hema - IWA Inventory and taxes

Hema reminded the board that the last “a” still needs to be removed from name of the organization as listed in the tax records. Hema also stated that insurance premium of \$400 needs to be paid.

Veena – Yoga sessions

Veena reported that all arrangements had been made for IWA-sponsored weekly Yoga sessions to be conducted on a pilot basis for three months beginning from February 18, 2013.

Deepa & Rashmi- Meeting at BTCCGL

The board was updated about the meeting at BTCCGL. The meeting was requested by Umesh to clarify certain issues related to IWA’s yoga proposal and IWA’s request to bronze sponsorship.

II. Review on Welcome party - paper products, flowers, gifts, budget, menu.

IWA members are being requested to bring at least one item of non-perishable food item for donation to Food Finders. Punam will bring a collection box. It was suggested that instead of the originally planned pot luck party, IWA board should host the Welcome party through general IWA funds. The budget for the event will be \$300 to 350.

III. DONATIONS - Total donation made by IWA so far exceeds \$50,000 since 2001. Effort will be made to recover donation record prior to 2001.

V. Graduate Membership Recruitment – Effort will be made to look for women graduate students at Purdue who are passionate about programming about women; the graduate women recruitment flyer will be sent to them to encourage them to join IWA and also requested to promote the organization to other women graduate students.

VI. IWA Cookbook & Yearbook – A plan about publishing an IWA cookbook has been brewing for a number of years. A couple of years ago, recipes from individual members had been compiled into a CD. This idea will be given a new shape now. Two publications are intended now: a cookbook containing recipes, with introductions about their contributors and a year book with pictures. The cook book plan is to be implemented right away, with Punam coordinating and being assisted by several members of the board, in addition to other IWA members such as Manju Agarwal, Alka Mishra. The cook book will be published in India. The deadline for the project is May 15, 2013.

VII. Holi Program

The board discussed about the various ways to celebrate Holi.

- Colors – Rashmi has plenty of Abir color to go around. IWA donated all their holi colors to BTCCGL last year.
- Venue – to be checked out, including BTCCGL premises.
- Entertainment – All board members will check out possible groups offering live entertainment, including magicians, clowns, singing groups etc.

Items tabled for next IWA board meeting:

Indiana Commission for Women- Update from Rashmi
Production of IWA video

Meeting concluded at 4:45 pm. Minutes recorded by Sangita Handa.