

Minutes of the Meeting: Fil-Am Portland Monthly Board Meeting – December 2024

DATE AND LOCATION: December 12, 2024, 7:00pm via Zoom

ATTENDEES:

Doreene Enriquez

Nila Janson

Jocelyn Forral

Shirley Antiporta

Lorena Pioquinto

Alfonso “Jun” Pioquinto

Joe Ramirez

Rocechel “Chel” Cook

Lorelei Hosmillo

Amada Sison

Ramon Canilao

Sima Felina

Ryan Cook

Amy Aguinaldo

Luzviminda Cruz

Johanna Pioquinto

Felda Saunders

Joshua Guting

I. Call to Order and Opening Prayer

II. Meeting Attendance

Secretary Doreene recorded attendance; quorum was established.

III. Opening Session

Approval of Meeting Agenda

The meeting agenda was displayed and shared by Jun P.

Motion: Rocechel. moved to approve the meeting agenda as provided. Seconded by Lorena.

Vote:

Unanimous “yes” vote by approve meeting agenda by all present, no “nay’s,” motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approval of Previous Minutes

Secretary Doreene submitted minutes of the last meeting conducted on 11/14/2024.

Motion: Nila J. moved to approve the submitted minutes as provided. Seconded by Lorena.

Vote:

Unanimous vote “yes” to approve minutes by all present, no “nay’s,” motion carried by majority vote.

IV. Reports

President’s Report (c/o Jun)

Jun P. welcomed attendees, especially the guests that joined the meeting and thanked board members and volunteers for their hard work throughout the year.

Treasurer's Report (c/o Chel C.)

Chel reported no changes to the treasurer's report since the last membership meeting held days prior.

As of 11/30/2024: Balance of FAAPVI Accounts is \$37,444.55

Projected Bank Balance: \$19,662.81

Auditor's Report (c/o Jocelyn)

Auditor Jocelyn has been auditing receipts before checks are being issued and has been comparing reports to bank statements and are balanced.

V. Committee Reports

Programs (c/o Lorelei)

- Suggested that FAAPVI send out "Thank You/Holiday Cards" to express gratitude to donors for sponsorships throughout the year to FAAPVI Sponsors.
- At this time for the partnership with PNAOW for Typhoon relief, \$500 was collected. Lorelei is in talks to see how PNAOW would like to receive the funds.
- Trailblazers API Heritage Night is on January 11, 2025. Club seats cost \$150/each and information about other ticket sections and prices were sent prior.
- Requests that members inform her of their ticket preferences by the end of the week, as tickets need to be finalized.
- January 2025 Salsa Classes will be taught by Randolph Cresceni. Every Wednesday in January starting on January 8, 2024 at 7:00pm.

Motion: Lorelei moved to approve ticket prices for January salsa classes: \$30 per couple for four (4) sessions; \$20 per individual for four (4) sessions; and \$5 per single session. Seconded by Nila Janson.

Vote: All board members present voted "yes." Motion passed by majority vote.

- Health fair planned for August 2, 2024, possible partnership with Legacy Health and PNAOW, will look into talking with Multnomah County Health Department, IRCO, Pacific Islander Asian Family Center, and Bayanihan. Plan is for broader scope for Asian Pacific Islander Community, not only limited to Filipinos.
- Arts and culture grant applications; waiting for Metro Grant results in January 2025. Will be looking into more grants.

- Gala Planning: some sports have been reserved to tour the World Forestry Center during their open house on January 12, 2025, so those interested can tour for possible Gala venue.
- Microsoft Grant for Non-profits received for software usage.
- Social media has been gaining followers. We are actively recruiting young people to help FAAPVI and Lorelei stressed the importance of succession planning.
- Currently in talks with Small Business Administration for a possible event in May to celebrate AAPI Heritage Month to invite businesses to our building. SBA does not directly sponsor events, but they can help secure sponsors for the event.

Membership Directory Update (c/o Jun)

Jun reported on efforts to update membership records with MyOwnEVA. Their agency is offering their services for \$250 per month to help with secretarial functions and straighten out membership records. We have been receiving \$350/month from Remitly from posting their advertisement at FAAPVI Center since September 2024.

Motion: Jun moved to approve \$250/month expense for MyOwnEVA services. Seconded by Chel.

Vote: Unanimously “yes” vote by all board members present. Motion carried by majority vote.

Upcoming Events

- Election for three (3) Board Members on February 16, 2025
- Induction of new officers: March 15, 2025
- FAAPVI quarterly member meetings scheduled for 2025:
 - March 9, 2025
 - June 8, 2025
 - September 14, 2025
 - December 14, 2025
- Board Retreat: tentatively planned for March 2025, pending confirmation of location and availability.
- FAAPVI Gala to be held October 4, 2025, instead of Ms. Philippines (Ms. Philippines will be held every other year).
- Ammie proposed a spring event, including a mini concert and dancing, which will be held in April.
- Other events include Spring Cleaning, Young Princess, July 4th Picnic, Veterans Day, Children's Christmas Party, Adult's Christmas Party

Open Forum

Ms. Philippines Prize Issue

Chel Cook raised a concern about the Miss Philippines prize for a flight to Manila. The Sponsor, AMERICK Travel (Gina) expressed dissatisfaction with her

advertisement in the souvenir program and the incorrect ad was used. Gina was unhappy with the final advertisement and is now reluctant to provide the prize. Felda S. took responsibility for not sending Gina a mock copy of the ad. She said that there were multiple emails from Gina sent close to the deadline, causing confusion. The correct version Gina wanted was not included in the final program.

Proposed Solutions:

Board members suggested talking to Gina to resolve the issue.
Also recommended: Documenting the apology to Gina and acknowledging that advertisers should have final approval before publication; not invoicing Gina for the ad if she refuses to pay.
Treating this as a learning experience for future events.

The board recognized the need to improve communication with sponsors and advertisers to prevent similar issues in the future.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:45pm

Submitted by:



Doreene Enriquez