Minutes of the Meeting: FAAPVI Quarterly Membership Meeting – December 2024

DATE AND LOCATION: December 8, 2024 4:00pm at Fil-Am Portland (in-person only)

ATTENDEES: Madeline Hufana **Toneth Bagon** Johanna Pioquinto Jose Forral Jocelyn Forral Vilma dela Paz **Rocechel Cook** Al Fernandez Alfonso Pioquinto Felda Saunders Allan Baja Leizl Pioquinto Bevy dela Paz Verna Baja Adrienne Boekeloo **Aniline Tangub** Oscar Domingo Lorelei Hosmillo **Josephine Palacios** Kristina Enriquez Gail Janson Brigida Resner Doreene Enriquez Ramon Canilao Marieta Koskelo Julie Enriquez Flory Wold Ammie Sison Lei Pascual Nila Janson Ryan Cook Ford Pascual Shirley Antiporta Tabitha Traughber Lorena Pioquinto Eddie Rivera Melizza Inocencio Sima Felina Allan Pioquinto **Ruth Reves** Joshia Guting

Delaila Pioquinto Marlon Leyisa

I. Call to Order and Opening Prayer

Opening Remarks by the President Acknowledgement of members and guests

II. Meeting Attendance

Attendance was taken by Secretary Doreene E. by circulating an attendance sheet, quorum was established.

III. Opening Session

Approval of Meeting Agenda

The meeting agenda was displayed on the overhead screen.

Motion: Rocechel C. moved to approve the meeting agenda as provided. Seconded by Jocelyn F.

Vote:

Unanimous vote by raising of hands to approve minutes by all present, no "nay's".

Motion to approve the agenda as displayed was carried by unanimous vote.

Approval of Previous Minutes

Secretary Doreene E. submitted minutes of the last meeting conducted on 9/8/2024 via Facebook and copies were made available during the meeting. Minutes were displayed and read aloud by Jun P.

<u>Motion:</u> Ramon C. moved to approve the submitted minutes as provided. Seconded by Jocelyn F.

Vote:

Unanimous vote by raising of hands to approve minutes by all present, no "nay's".

Motion to accept submitted minutes as provided was carried by unanimous vote.

IV. Reports

President's Report (c/o Jun P.)

Overview of Current Status and Recent Accomplishments in 2024

- Physical improvements of FAAPVI building, the leaking roof in the kitchen was repaired and the floors have been improved.
- Membership Update w/MyOwnEVA
 A representative from MyOwnEVA has been contacting FAAPVI members to update their membership records. They are in the process of creating a MembershipWorks Members Database.
 MembershipWorks will allow FAAPVI to easily communicate with members and keep them informed of upcoming events and allow members to easily update their contact information and membership status.
- FAAPVI member Oscar Domingo voiced a request to be provided with a copy of the FAAPVI membership list, however, due to privacy concerns and procedures, his request was denied as the membership list should only be for official FAAPVI internal use. He also requested to be provided with a copy of the bylaws that were approved in 2024.
- FAAPVI has been actively collaborating with COFACC
 Membership in COFACC has allowed FAAPVI opportunities like
 Remitly and connected FAAPVI with MyOwnEVA.
- Tagalog Classes are being offered weekly, there are 12 students who will be finishing the Tagalog Class Program.
- Enhanced Fil-Am Community involvement and presence. President Jun noted that our goodwill ambassadors, the participants from Ms.

Philippines 2024, have been attending various Fil-Am Events, parties, and supporting local businesses. He is delighted to have them represent FAAPVI and the greater Filipino Community.

- Building enhancements with additional security measures are in place. FAAPVI Events Center is now equipped with smart locks and an alarm system to protect the property.
- FAAPVI's 5-year Strategic Plan is ongoing. The FAAPVI board recently held a retreat in October to talk about the different programs and provide updates on the Strategic Plan and the creation of working committees where it is not only comprised of the board's involvement, but encourages the membership to join as well.

With the board and members working harmoniously together, FAAPVI will continue with updates on social media and continue carrying out planned programs and initiatives. President Jun encouraged anyone who wants to add a topic to the next meeting's agenda to contact the Secretary one week prior so it can be added to the agenda.

Treasurer's Report (c/o Chel C)

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

Projected Bank Balance: \$19,662.81

Due to network connectivity issues at FAAPVI, the Treasurer was unable to print copies of the Financial Report or Meeting Agenda for distribution. Copies will be made available at the next meeting.

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 reports that they balance.

V. Committee Reports

Event Committee Report (c/o Lorelei)

On-going Typhoon Outreach Partnership w/PNAOW

FAAPVI would like to explore civic efforts. FAAPVI is partnering w/PNAOW for typhoon outreach in Cainta, Rizal.

AAPI Heritage Night (Blazers vs Heat) Jan 11, 2025 @ MODA Center

Support from the Filipino Community is requested to represent and show to that the Filipino Community is united and collaborating. There are tickets still available for reserved sections for the game.

Latin Dance Classes

Will be at FAAPVI on Wednesdays in January 2024 @7:00pm, taught by Randolf Crescini. Proceeds will go towards FAAPVI marketing and computer software needs.

Health Fair

We have developed a calendar of events for next year, which includes planning 2 to 3 health events. A major healthcare event is being considered for either August 2025 or September 2025.

FAAPVI will coordinate with our partner, PNAOW, and the CFAA. We will align our schedule their existing activities and scheduled events.

Art and Cultural Show

FAAPVI may hold an Arts and Culture show next year.

Potential Documentary Screening

PNAOW has reached out in hopes of collaborating with FAAPVI to host a screening of a nursing documentary at FAAPVI. PNAOW will send a proposal to the FAAPVI Board for approval.

Professional Development Series

FAAPVI will still have professional development series where speakers will give talks.

Youth Membership

FAAPVI can tap into colleges and universities to have participation from younger members. These members can participate and volunteer to help with the organization's events. The youth committee will meet to talk more about these efforts.

Fundraising Gala

FAAPVI is planning on having a yearly fundraising Gala and only have Mrs./Ms. Philippines every other year to focus resources on the fundraising Gala. Hopefully FAAPVI can invite state agencies, business agencies, and corporations to hopefully net 50,000 for the operating budget. A search for a venue is underway to find a location that will allow us to order our preferred menu and partner with other business organizations.

Building Report (c/o Ramon C.)

We are still in the process of fixing a lot of things in the building. The building is functioning, but there are many repairs that can be done, but will cost FAAPVI too much money. He is trying to balance improvements that can be made but also preserve the funds that FAAPVI has. FAAPVI needs a lot of cleaning this upcoming Spring/Summer and would like a major cleanup event. The plan is to rent a trailer to haul waste to the dump. Target is for April 5, 2025. It was noted by Melizza that it would be good to have college/high school students help with the clean-up as it would provide them with volunteer hours.

It was also noted that this year, FAAPVI was able to open a separate account for solely to be used for building maintenance.

Technology & Grant Report (c/o Ryan C.)

FAAPVI now has an updated sound system and sound board that is being used. There is a plan to update the internet and will work with Comcast to upgrade the network. A new printer has been installed and configured in the office and is being used to prepare documents and the like.

FAAPVI received two grants this year. There are smaller grants that FAAPVI will be applying for in December.

Rental Update (c/o Lorena)

There were two rentals in November and an upcoming rental in December and an additional one in January.

Calendar & Veteran's Day Update (c/o Nila)

Nila stated that this year's Veteran's Day was successful and had more attendees than the previous year. She extended her appreciation to all those who volunteered with the FAAPVI Calendar and Veteran's Day.

Lorena noted that there are still calendars available for sale for \$5.

Lorelei encouraged that we recruit more members, especially younger members to aid with succession planning.

VI. Open Forum:

Oscar Domingo noted that he paid \$930 for the use of the FAAPVI Facility (including the use of sound system and tech operator) and was told by "friends" that he was charged too much. He moved that any member pay a \$300 flat fee for the rental of the building for events. He stated that the building is already paid off and the only expenses are for insurance and utilities. President Jun noted that FAAPVI would be losing money if renting the building for that amount. This will be brought to the board for further discussion.

Jun mentioned that Oscar Domingo was a contact person for a competing event from another organization that was on the same night of a FAAPVI Event. Oscar Domingo responded that he was being accused of sabotaging FAAPVI. He said that others may have used his name. Oscar asked if he was ever personally seen participating with the group. Jun responded that his contact information was published online on a Facebook Post. Oscar Domingo requested to have this matter noted and have a response sent in writing.

Melizza addressed the rental concern and gave her perspective as a hotelier. She noted that the rental rate of \$650 and \$100 for the sound system is a very reasonable price and a service to the membership and will allow for FAAPVI to maintain its aging facility. Through a thorough discussion, it was highly agreed that the rates that FAAPVI is charging its members for rental is very fair.

VII. Upcoming Events

Election for 3 Board Members on February 16, 2025

Voting members need to have attended 4 meetings in the last year.

Ballroom Dancing Lessons

Salsa Dancing classes will start in January on Wednesdays.

Quarterly Membership Meetings in 2025

- March 9, 2025
- June 8, 2025
- September 14, 2025
- December 14, 2025

Gala & Ms. Philippines

There will be a Gala this year, Ms. Philippines will be held in 2026. It was advised that we prepare to stay ahead of these events and start planning and collecting necessary elements.

VIII. Closing Prayer (c/o Jun. P)

Next FAAVI Quarterly Membership Meeting: Sunday, March 9, 2024 at 4:00pm

Meeting Adjourned at 6:05pm

Submitted by:

Doreene Enriquez