

**Village of Hoffman Estates
Cultural Awareness Commission
May 6, 2025
Meeting Minutes**

Call to Order

Katheryn McCord , Chair called the meeting to order at 7:16 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

April minutes were approved.

Roll Call:

Present

Katheryn McCord – Chair
Bonnie Wurster
Susan Cooper
Arlene Montanez
Ximena Atristain-Bigurra
Sandra Lahoz
Jean Stone
Mimi Ferlita
Renee McMullen

Absent

Staff Liaison

Patrick Seger
Cathy Doczekaiski

Chairperson's report

Kathryn reported on Unity Day and talk about future changes for the flyer next year and also informed us that AKA won't be present for Unity Day and they will ask for snack donations for a future event, this donation will help CLIPS (snacks for kids in Districts 54, 211, U46 and CC19) We welcomed our new member Mimi Ferlita.

Unity Day

Patrick will pick up food from Valli
Fortune House will deliver the food

“Raise community awareness by recognizing and embracing cultural diversity and by promoting relationships to enrich the community.”

Greek Chicken will be delivered by owner

We still need help picking up Fried Rice from Fortune House

We have to still contact Jill from the Library about kids crafts

The women's club is sending someone to help out at the event, and Park District may send someone as well. We need about 15-20 people to help out.

Event details were discussed as follows:

Flowers: Kathryn

Room set up: Mimi and other commission members and volunteers

Bonnie: Silverware plus 2 more volunteers

Crafts: Sandra Lahoz and Ximena

Kitchen: Patrick, Cathy and help

Doors open for the program at 11:30 am, and commission members are asked to arrive at 10:30 am.

Performers:

Rebecca McCarthy Irish Dancers

Edison

Adelita with her Mexican Group

Martin Lopez Violin ensemble

Nalina Padam India School of Dance-Bollywood

Aztec Dancers

Mimi will be at registration plus 2 helpers and will welcome everyone.

Commission members will be asked to assist in the end of program clean up.

New Business

Hispanic Heritage

Sandra and Ximena will lead the event and will present a budget next meeting.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 9:21 pm

Minutes taken by Ximena, typed and submitted by Ximena.