

VILLAGE OF HOFFMAN ESTATES
CULTURAL AWARENESS COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday November 12, 2024

7:15pm – Conference Room – Village Hall – Also virtually via GoToMeeting

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Kathryn McCord called the meeting to order at 7:16 PM.

II. ROLL CALL

Present

Kathryn McCord

Jean Stone

Susan Cooper

Staff Liaison

Patrick Seger

Cathy Doczekalski

Absent

Ximena Atristain-Bigurra

Sandra Lahoz

Bonnie Wurster

Arlene Monatanez

Public

Stefania Chicaiza

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES from August 6, 2024, September 3, and October 1, 2024

Kathryn made motion to approve, seconded by Jean Stone. Voice vote; all in favor.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Stefania, who recently resigned from the commission, attended the meeting and wanted to share her thoughts about her experience on the commission and thank the commission for the opportunity to learn about the community and the events. She hopes to come back in the future, however, for now it is difficult to continue the commission with a growing family.

V. OLD BUSINESS

Hispanic Heritage review consisted to Jean Stone indicating that we need to move more toward a food tasting instead of the full lunch. Jean believes the menu was very large and the commission needs to address the menu and be more of a tasting. Keep in mind the menu and perhaps increase the budget for entertainment in reducing the expense for the food. Also, discussed was that the kitchen was short staffed and that needs to be addressed. Kathryn suggested that we reach out to the Women's Club, or the Park District for staff assistance.

Jean indicated that one of the goals would be to ask more Village people and park district folks. Susan suggests that we need a minimum of 4 people in the kitchen.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

MLK Breakfast plan is for Kingdom Impact Theatre to perform for \$400. They will again perform Strolling down King Street. Also, for the speaker is Tony Brandford is recommended. The event is set for January 20th in the morning. Demetrius as agreed to MC the event. Kathryn to make a motion to approve the event plan as presented. Kathryn made motion to approve with Susan seconding the motion with all commission members in favor.

Black History Month program recommendation is to have Ayodele African Drum and Dance Troupe. The commission is looking at February 15th and February 22nd. They agreed that 30 minutes for entertainment is enough, and that Kathryn would find out if they are available. Kathryn made a motion for approval Ayodele to perform for 30 minutes on either date seconded by Jean with all in favor. Kathryn will be looking for speakers for the event and asked the commission to think of speakers for the event.

Kathryn contacts them and tells Patrick as soon as possible as the information for the event needs to be completed by the end of November for the January and February newsletter.

Kathryn advised the commission that she is looking for May 31st to the Unity Day event at Village Hall. She is looking for Chinese entertainment along with Indian group called NalinaPadam to perform Bollywood. She is also looking at Ukrainian dance groups. Patrick asked if there was any entertainment that the commission did not want to bring back. The Academy of Irish Music is someone they don't ask back.

Motion by Kathryn to have Unity Day on May 31st. At the next meeting we can discuss additional entertainment, menu etc.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Kathryn and seconded by Susan to adjourn the meeting. Voice vote: all in favor. Motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 8:03 PM.

The next meeting of the Cultural Awareness Commission will be on Tuesday, December 3rd, 2024.