

Call to Order

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:14 p.m. in Conference Room D at Troy City Hall.

Roll Call

Present:	Hailu Robele Amin Hashmi Oniell Shah Charles Yuan	Jeff Hyun Padma Kuppa Flora Tan Cindy Stewart, City Liaison
Absent:	Anju Brodbine Kara Huang, Student Rep	Tom Kaszubski

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from January 4, 2005 - Motion by Yuan, second by Tan. Approved unanimously.

New Business

A. Sights & Sounds of the World

a. Saturday, April 9, 2005 from 12-4 pm

Countries to be involved - Egypt, Serbia, India, Philippines, Korea (Heehyul Moon), China (Kids dancing, martial arts), Pakistan

Fax info to Italy (Tina Silverio), Germany (Carpathia Club - Adam Nedel), Middle East (Mayada), American Polish Cultural Center(Katarzyna)

Each country will be allotted 20 minutes for entertainment (12:10 – 12:30, 12:35 - 12:55, 1 - 1:20, 1:25 - 1:45, 1:50 - 2:10, 2:15 - 2:35, 2:40 - 3, 3:05 - 3:25, 3:30 - 3:50). Mehendi (henna) will be offered.

Program info needed by April 1- will include sponsor/entertainment.

b. More involvement from ethnic communities

Highest population of Asian Indians in Michigan are in Troy. All of EIA should recruit other members of their cultures to join various nonprofit organizations and City committees within the community. Example Prayer Breakfast, Community Coalition, EthniCity, Troy Daze, Beaver Tales, etc.

Tan - In other cultures, volunteerism is not as popular it is here in US. Language barriers are also a problem.

Kuppa - we should still make efforts to recruit other people to help our community as well as sponsors from diverse companies and corporations.

Old Business

A. Resource List

- a. Email to members (pdf) send any updates to Cindy, these are being added to all new resident packets. Add a date to front page.

B. Troy Daze

Amin will go to EthniCity meetings (Padma will email date)

We need to work hard to ensure success with EthniCity. Troy Daze Committee is okay with EIA recruiting ethnic demonstrators for EthniCity tent. Example: Rangoli, using chop sticks, Martial Arts. EIA members also man their booth (in costume preferred)

C. Diversity Month – April 6 – May 6, 2005

- a. Prayer Breakfast May 6
Email Erik schuette@webasto.com and cc Oniell re: Prayer Breakfast (he is from Buddhist temple). EIA should make an effort to attend and bring friends and colleagues
- b. Time to send letters to churches, businesses, schools related to Diversity Month events. Include Arvin Meritor, Delphi, Standard Federal, International Academy, others
- c. Submit proclamation to Council
- d. Flora find article on Diversity Week in Canton
- e. April 9 Sights & Sounds of the World will be the kick off for Diversity Month and end with the Prayer Breakfast on May 6
- f. Padma will contact high schools; Flora - Hamilton Elementary and Oniell – Wattles Elementary related to any events on Diversity.
- g. Revise letter, last year's proclamation, statistics, recent articles.

D. Law Brochure

- a. On hold
- b. Check company that translates brochures re: sponsorships
- c. Email board brochure again

Motion by Kuppa, second by Shah to adjourn - Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm

Tom Kaszubski, EIA Board Chairman

Cindy Stewart, Recording Secretary