

Hui 'O Hāwai'i of Yuma

General Meeting Minutes February 8, 2009

CALL TO ORDER

President, Cathy AhYo called the meeting to Order at 1:05 p.m..

OFFICER ROLL CALL

President	Cathy AhYo	Present
Vice-President	Ed Namahoe	Present
Treasurer	Cookie Pearson	Present
Secretary	Rose Arévalo	Present
Director	Gerry Harris	Present
Director	Diane Spencer	Present

NEW BUSINESS

Aunty Cathy announced that Gerry Harris resigned as Director. Lynsey Okamura will be taking her place.

Minutes were reviewed, the date was incorrect at the top, it said 01/10/2008, but the correct date is 01/10/2009.

Cookie Pearson moved to approve the Minutes with the change; Lois Lamay seconded; Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Cookie Pearson presented total balance of Hui account as \$2,077.27. She asked members to give her any luau ticket money and to push sales. She explained that an "EC-3" from Yuma Proving Grounds donated \$200.00 for the luau.

Wilma Merket moved to approve the Treasurer's Report; Ikaika Okamura seconded; Treasurer's Report was approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Aunty Cathy noted that it would be very chaotic for the Hui to participate in the **Silver Spur Rodeo** with the preparation of the luau. She announced that the Board unanimously voted not to participate.

Discussion began regarding the **February 21, 2009, Luau**. It was reiterated how important ticket sales are, \$20/Adults and \$10/children ages 2 – 12. Volunteers, performances/entertainers can purchase their \$5 meal ticket, but they will not be eligible for the grand prize. A full price ticket must be purchased, if those people want to have a change at the grand prize.

Aunty Cathy mentioned that the **Silent Auction** needs more items. So far AhYo Arts contributed a very large calabash bowl and Aunty Dee donated two quilts.

Aunty Cookie mentioned that it isn't that hard to get contributions from business. She's obtained items from Red Lobster, Mimi's, Olive Garden, just to name a few. Again, the members were asked to try and get as many donations as possible.

Ikaika and Lynsey Okamura are the Luau Co-Chairs and they asked for more member participation. We have the expense of paying for the use of Cibola's facility and personnel, but the profit could be as high as \$6,000, if the event is "sold out"!

Last year, a \$500 scholarship was awarded to Mr. Valadez, a high school student that was going to begin classes at AWC. This year we hope to offer more than one to applicants.

Mattie Guzman mentioned that she's had inquiries about the application process for the scholarship fund. It was mentioned that we should advertise on our website that the application, etc., is being revised and will soon be posted for review.

It was discussed that the scholarship can go to anyone, that is looking for any type of education, whether it be a community college or graduate student, or simply someone that is taking piano lessons. It is given to people who are looking to learn and progress.

Aunty Cookie mentioned that we are waiting for a contribution from NAU-Yuma, which has not been determined yet.

Liana Martinez was on the radio station, The Talk of Yuma, and Aunty Cathy called in to explain that the scholarship is not only for Hawaiians, but any Yuma resident.

We discussed the **Luau menu**, Aunty Iris said there will be kalua pig, sweet potato, turkey, for those that do not eat pork, and rice pudding, all cooking in the imu. Lianne Martinez said she is able to get sheet cakes from Yuma District One, but they need to be picked up Friday, 02/20/09, by 2:15 pm.

The schedule for Luau Day was discussed. Volunteers are welcome to help set up at 8:00 a.m., then rehearsal begins at 1 pm, performers need to be there by 12:30 pm. Performers/Volunteers are scheduled to eat at 4:30 pm, doors open at 5pm and the audience eats at about 5:30. The audience will enter the auditorium at 7:00 pm and the show will start at 7:30 pm. We have to be done with the program by 9 pm, ad out of the facility by 10 pm or we will be charged extra.

NEW BUSINESS

Saturday, February 14, 2009, anyone that would like to help with table decoration assembly, please meet at Cookie Pearson's house, 2113 East 27th Way.

Everyone was reminded of practice times and days.

Malia Lovell, our newest member, introduced herself, said she has an 18 month old baby/Leilani and works for the City of Yuma. She said there is an event in April, they would like us to perform at, if we're able. She'll give us more information soon. A general introduction of all members was made.

A few other items were requested of Aunty Iris for the food preparation, Aunty Cathy said an email will be sent out to advise of times when volunteers will be needed.

ADJOURNMENT

Aunty Cathy entertained a Motion to adjourn; Aunty Iris Heick so moved; Liane Martinez seconded, Meeting adjourned at 1:42 p.m..