

Hui 'O Hawai'i of Yuma

General Meeting Minutes March 8, 2009

CALL TO ORDER

President, Cathy AhYo called the meeting to Order at 12:21 p.m..

OFFICER ROLL CALL

President	Cathy AhYo	Present
Vice-President	Ed Namahoe	Present
Treasurer	Cookie Pearson	Present
Secretary	Rose Arévalo	Present
Director	Lynsey Okamura	Present
Director	Diane Spencer	Present
Director	Iris Heick	Absent

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Members had a few minutes to review the February 8, 2009, Minutes. Uncle Ed Namahoe noted a correction under "New Business", /his/ refers to Gerry Harris, should read /her/.

Aunty Cookie Pearson moved to approve Minutes with the noted corrections; Uncle Ed seconded; Minutes approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Aunty Cookie Pearson announced that the Hui made \$9,630 from the luau, there were \$3,792 in expenses. The luau proceeds were about \$6,000. In addition, two small events on Saturday: Quechan Pow Wow performance and a private party, brought in an additional \$78. The Hui will address fees and the number of performers for smaller bookings. Once again, the Okamura were the highest luau ticket sellers. The importance of presale ticket sales was stressed. Aunty Cookie said that 279 people attended the event.

A Motion was entertained to approve the Treasurer's Report, Uncle Ed Namahoe so moved, Aunty Leialoha seconded, Motion carried.

VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Discussion began with Ikaika Okamura, Luau Director, saying received positive luau feedback, he suggested a rehearsal run through a day before the program with sound checks, etc. This in light of the fact that the main complaints were that musicians and MCs were barely audible. The other comments were that the rice was uncooked.

Ikaika suggested more committees, so that the weight of the responsibility does not fall on Aunty Cathy and Aunty Cookie. Loke Aulds has a friend who offered to help with cooking, next year. Aunty Iris Heick, was not in attendance, but the Hui applauded her family and others who helped prepare the food. Everything was wonderful. Next year, more help will be recruited to help with the pig.

Aunty Cathy noted that we may have made more money, if there more time was given to viewing of Silent Auction items. About \$1,400 was made with the raffles and silent auction.

Everyone thanked Uncle Dave Pearson for his work on our website, Heather McClane, suggested posting performances on "YouTube". She will look into that and report back.

OLD BUSINESS

None to report.

NEW BUSINESS

Aunty Cathy explained that after the luau we were called for two performances, a private 90 year old's birthday celebration and the Quechan Pow Wow, both were on Saturday, March 7. As mentioned earlier, a total of \$78 were made from the two performances. Again, rates will be discussed for future smaller bookings.

The **March 21st United Way Music Fest** has requested our group to perform 10-15 minutes segments between their bands performances. It would be once every hour throughout their shows. It was suggested we take the first few intermissions and another group, belly dances, do the later times. Everyone agreed it would be easier for us, so we're not there all day. We would start at about 12noon.

Scholarship Applications and the Hui's **Bylaws and Constitution** were reviewed and notes were taken of revisions. Finalized applications will be ready for the Committee to disburse to local schools, this week. The Scholarship Committee was comprised of Ikaika and Lynsey Okamura, Pua and Brad Hoops, Aunty Helen Peterson, and Tom/Gerry Harris.

Aunty Cathy explained that the role of the Board was questioned. Committees will bring their recommendations to the Board and in all cases, the Board will

make the final decision, because it is ultimately responsible for anything brought for its review.

Aunty Cathy entertained a Motion to approve the Scholarship Applications with revisions, Loke Aulds so moved, Aunty Cookie seconded

Someone asked the **value of the scholarship awards**. There will be four-\$400 general scholarships, two-\$200 youth scholarships. If funds are not awarded, because of limited application submissions, the funds will be kept in the Treasury for the next scholarship distribution. Hui Members were reminded that the scholarship amount is not to be announced to the general public. Vote was taken, Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Aunty Cathy entertained a Motion to adjourn; Uncle Ed Namahoe so moved; Aunty Wilma Merket seconded, Meeting adjourned at 2:07 p.m..