

Hui 'O' Hawai'i of Yuma

General Membership Meeting Minutes January 14, 2007

Call to Order:

- The meeting was called to order by Vice President Cathy Ah Yo on Sunday, January 14, 2007 at 3:20 p.m.

Roll Call of Officers:

- President (Frank Oana) Absent (on vacation)
- Vice President (Cathy Ah Yo) Present
- Secretary/Treasurer (Cookie Pearson) Present
- Director (Ed Namahoe)..... Absent (due to illness)
- Director (Diane Spencer) Present

Reading/Acceptance of October 21, 2006 Meeting Minutes:

- The minutes of the last meeting were passed out and read by all members present.
- Motion of acceptance was made by Ikaika Okamura, 2nd by Liane Martinez.
- Accepted by all members present with no corrections.

Secretary's Report:

- None submitted.

Treasurer's Report:

- The Treasurer's Report was provided by Cookie Pearson:

Balance.....	\$263.60
Funds Received.....	\$760.00
Expenses	\$496.40

Old Business:

- Our First Annual Christmas Program was a success; looking forward to our second.

New Business:

- The Board has approved fees for shows:
 - \$300 for a 30-minute performance
 - \$500 for a 60-minute performance.
- Bookings will be available after March 1, 2007.
- Flyers were presented to the members and made available for members to post around town. Dave Pearson will also post the flyer on the website for download.

- “All States Picnic” for winter visitors on Wednesday, February 2, 2007 at the Yuma Civic Center. The Hui will do a short performance but will not charge as this was promised before the rates were set. We will put out our Calabash bowl for donations. Lynsey Okamura will check with Laurel Sweet for the time as some Hui members will be taking their lunch period from work to participate.
- We will be providing entertainment for the Knights of Columbus luau in either late May or early June, 2007.
- Rose Arevalo’s boss, Joe Didio, has requested our assistance with a spring luau that he will be holding.
- Ed Namahoe has also suggested that we work with the Elks Lodge on their annual luau this summer.
- The Board has approved Michelle Brown to charge a nominal fee for hula lessons for the keikis. Michelle will let the Board know of her prices.
- Cathy Ah Yo, Cookie Pearson and Rose Arevalo will teach women ages 30+ the older, traditional hulas. This group will be called the “Gracious Ladies.”
- The Hui events coordinator, Lynsey Okamura, has filed an application for the Hui to participate in the Silver Spur Rodeo Parade on Saturday, February 10, 2007. Liane Martinez will provide a 30-foot flatbed trailer and pickup truck. Liane’s son-in-law, Chris, will drive the pickup. Chris will pick up the flatbed on Friday, February 9th. Hui members will decorate Friday evening and store the flatbed in Bob Martinez’s shop. Everyone participating in the parade must be at 15th Street and 4th Avenue at 5:30 a.m. Saturday, February 10, 2007.
- Lynsey Okamura also requested volunteers to work at the Yuma County Fair from May 27 - April 1, 2007. We will be working with either the Knights of Columbus or the Yuma Jaycees. Need both day and evening shift work.
- The Hui Webmaster, Dave Pearson, requested that if there are any changes/corrections to your personal information on the website, that he be contacted. Also, don’t forget pictures of your pets for inclusion on the website.
- The Hui membership chair, Liane Martinez, reported we currently have 36 active families in our membership and 56 voting members.
- Hui positions that still need to be filled are:
 - Newsletter Editor
 - Public Relations Coordinator
 - Scholarship Chair
 - Sponsorship Chair

- Ikaika Okamura volunteered to fill the Scholarship Chair position.
- Lokelani Aulds volunteered to fill the Sponsorship Chair position.
- Don Geyer volunteered to fill the Public Relations Coordinator position.
- The Hui now has a checking account with Wells Fargo Bank set up as a Non-Profit organization.
- The Hui has a mailing address of PO Box 7399.
- The Hui is now covered by liability insurance with ATP and Associates. Cost of insurance is \$317 per year.
- We are in the process of filing our Non-Profit Form 1023 with the IRS; however, we need to have the bylaws passed.
- Alerted members that we need \$300 to file for 501(c) (3) and we are a little short in our funds so if anyone would like to pay their membership dues in advance, we will accept.
- Stew Bradshaw said that he would like to pay for 10 years membership, which would then, in effect cover the filing for our 501(c) (3) status.
- Need volunteers to help with the Aloha Festival in Phoenix on March 16, 2007 to set up and man the booth March 17-18 and tear down the booth on March 18. We will be sitting with Ah Yo Arts and cannot put up our sign; however, we will share in profits of some of the basic ware that Gerry and Cathy Ah Yo have to sell. Don Geyer volunteered to assist.
- Reading, reviewing and acceptance of the Hui bylaws:
 - There were a few minor changes Stew Bradshaw recommended.
 - It was suggested by Lance Toyofuku that we state the meaning of Pule and Hawai'i Pono'i in the bylaws for the IRS.
 - Cookie Pearson brought up a member's concern that snowbirds and some military not have the advantage of voting. This member felt that since they are in Yuma only for part of the year, they should not be allowed to vote, but that voting privileges should be reserved only for local residents that reside in Yuma year-round. Some members present brought up that everyone that pays dues should have the same privileges. All present, agreed with this.
 - The changes recommended were voted on and passed by the membership in attendance (except for the snowbirds and military members not being allowed to vote, which was not passed).
 - Cookie Pearson will make changes and forward them to Stew Bradshaw for review. After review of the bylaws and Form 1023 by Stew Bradshaw, Cathy

Ah Yo will sign and Cookie Pearson will send off. The bylaws will be published on the Hui Website by Dave Pearson when accepted.

Motion to Adjourn:

- Motion to adjourn was made by Stew Bradshaw, 2nd by Diane Spencer.
- Meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:00 p.m.