



Kalayaan Filipino Cultural Organization

Annual General Meeting
November 17, 2019
5225 Orbitor Drive, Mississauga, #3, L4W 5M6

1. Call to order @3:13 PM
 - 1.1 Prayer led by Becky Cruz, PRO
 - 1.2 Attendance/Introduction of members and officers present (In attendance 35)
 2. Acceptance of the Agenda, motioned by Willy Cantos, Seconded by Leone Manzanares, Carried.
 3. Minutes of the 2018 AGM as circulated
 - 3.1 Reading of the minutes
 - 3.2 Business arising from the minutes (No corrections)
 - 3.3 Acceptance of the minutes, motioned by Resty Del Rosario, Seconded by Ruffy Romano, Carried.
 4. Chairperson's Report = Eula Rolluda as quoted.
 - A. Welcomed and acknowledged the presence of the following groups: Filipino Seniors, Bayanihan Group, KCCC Board of Directors, KFCO Past Chairpersons, GimmeLuv Group, and individuals.
 - B. Announced and offered sincerest sympathy to the passing of the KFCO Vice Chair, Val Mape. (RIP) Acknowledged Val's contribution for the past 2 years. And a moment of silence was requested.
 - C. Eula welcomed the Committee on Election, who will be monitoring our election process: Led by Danny Bitanga, Willie Cantos, and Ruffy Romano.
 - D. Mentioned briefly about the History of Kalayaan. Kalayaan is now on its 37th year since its founding in February 28, 1983 with the primary purpose of uniting the Filipinos in Mississauga and its environs in commemorating the Philippine Independence. Through this celebration, we try to keep our traditions and culture for us and the next generation after us.
 - E. She further talked about the relationship of KFCO and KCCC. That KCCC is registered as a charitable organization with its own Board of Directors, that maintains and manages this community centre. We are both Kalayaan, but with different functions. We support KCCC as a sister organization, and together, we serve the community through meaningful programs and activities.
In quote "So in behalf of both Kalayaan Organizations, we appreciate your presence in sustaining us to co-exist. You are part of Kalayaan and this is your Community Centre where we come to enjoy, to laugh, to celebrate, to dance and keep fit. It is a place to unite us."
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F. Kalayaan focuses on three major events every year namely: The Kalayaan Gala night, the picnic and the Philippine Festival Mississauga. The gala is a fundraising event and the other two events are free to the public.

The Kalayaan gala night, focused on commemorating Philippine Independence was held at Capitol Banquet Hall. We started with a parade of colours headed by the past KFCO chairs present and leaders of different supporting organizations. We were honored by the presence of Senator J.V. Ejercito from the Philippines who updated us with what is happening back home in the Philippines.

We had the picnic at the Mississauga Valley with the Filipino Seniors of Mississauga headed by Cesar Cruz and Vangie Alcasid, the Bayanihans, the APO fraternity group and our loyal friends. It was graced by Mayor Bonnie Crombie and former Mayor Hazel McCallion and 2 members of the City Council. It had a whole day entertainment of songs and dances and treats of hot dogs and waffles donated by our friend Clem Cabillan and Arthur Chan of Waffles International.

The two - day Philippine Festival Mississauga continues to draw large crowds and one of the favorite cultural festivals that Mississaugans love and enjoy. This event is filled with activities catering to all ages – children, youth, adults and seniors. Our program provides exposure and opportunities for the youth, singers, dancers and musical groups to showcase their talents. This year, we attracted 20000 audience and car enthusiasts with our partnership with Bumper to Bumper, producer of the biggest and longest running outdoor car show in Asia.

This year, we received a grant of \$19000 from the Culture Division of the City to help pay for the rent of the Celebration Square and services of the City Staff. A separate account was opened for PFM for easier reporting and managing of the finances.

The PFM was led by Linda Carin, Resty Del Rosario, Rodol Meier and the strong partnership of KCCC, Fiesta Filipina Dance Troupe, Toronto Paskuhan group, Musika Mississauga, and the strong support of TFC – The Filipino Channel, who provides our guest artist from the Philippines.

G. Eula acknowledged and presented the KFCO Executive Council to the members and at the same time handed a cheque of \$4000 to the KCCC Board of Directors. A follow up cheque is still under review of the KFCO Board until all financial obligations are settled.

5. Financial Report by Fe Tabago, Acting Treasurer.

Copies of the Financial Statements for the year ended September 30, 2019 were distributed.

Cash in Bank	\$25,054
Total Revenue	\$116, 475
Total Expenses	\$109, 760
Net Assets end of year	\$25, 378

2019 Revenues and Expenses

Events	Revenues	Expenses	Net Income
Independence Gala	\$22,375	18,400.73	3,974.27
Dancing Under the Stars	4,455	2710.05	1744.95
PFM	86, 485	80,562.05	5992.05

Other Fundraising	3160	4249.03	-1089.03
Rental to KCCC		2000	-2000
Picnic and Flag Raising		1409.81	-1409.81
Bank Charges/Miscellaneous		428.19	-428.19
Grand Totals	116,475	109,759.86	6,715.14

NOTE: Itemized amounts are recorded in the hard copy of the Financial Statement distributed.

Question raised after the Financial Report

Cesar Cruz Do we need an external auditor for this matter? No, only if income is more than \$25000. Answered by Resty.

Motioned to accept the Financial Report, by Cesar Cruz, Seconded by Ralph Bunag, Carried

6. Election of Officers 2020 – 2022

The table was then turned over to the COMELEC: Danny Bitanga, Willy Cantos and Ruffy Romano.

Danny B. verified the number of members and if quorum is met.

Willy C. read the qualifications of candidates and eligibility of member voters based on the KFCO Constitution. (Should be a registered member, 1 year membership, in good standing, no administrative case)

Danny further explained that a maximum of 9 Executive Board can be nominated, 2 can be appointed.

Questions raised:

Can COMELEC member be nominated? Yes, if he/she steps down from his duty as COMELEC.

Can KCCC officers be nominated? Yes, but think of two responsibilities if able to perform.

The COMELEC opened the table for nominations:

The following were nominated:

Rene Sevilla with letter of absentia	Ram Nolasco Declined
Fely Castelo	Morna Eugenio Declined
Bill Quebral	Jean Mape Declined
Fe Tabago	Rene Declined
Rodel Meier Declined	Ralph Bunag Declined
Lourdes Lachica	
Becky Cruz	
Eula Rulloda Declined	
Josie Salac	
Rose Cabrera Declined	
Christine Macri Declined	
Leone Manzanares	

Motion to close by Resty, Seconded by Delfin, Carried.

There were 8 nominated candidates and so they were all acclaimed as elected Officers of KFCO for 2020 – 2022.

A short break for merienda, as the acclaimed candidates voted for the position of each one.

At 5:00 PM announcement was made:

Chairperson	Fely Castelo
Vice Chair	Leone Manzanares
Secretary	To appoint
Treasurer	Bill Quebral
Asst. Treasurer	Fe Tabago
Auditor	Josie Salac
Business Manager	Lourdes Lachica
PRO	Rene Sevilla
	Becky Cruz

Non- Elected Advisers	Eula Rulloda
	Rodel Meier
	Ruffy Romano

7. Meeting adjourned at 5:02 PM

Prepared by:

Fely Castelo, Secretary 2018 - 2020