

Minutes of Kalayaan Filipino Cultural Organization (KFCO) Annual General Meeting (AGM) held on 29 Oct 2017 at the Kalayaan Cultural Community Centre (KCCC) Media Room

Started: 1527 hrs.

Required quorum numbers met: with 46 members present at the start of the meeting

For your review, updates, and/or corrections:

- Rodel Meir, KFCO Chairman, made the opening remarks wherein she welcomed the presence and participation of the following groups: Bayanihan, Filipino Seniors of Mississauga, University of the East Alumni Group (UEAG), Kalayaan Cultural Community Centre (KCCC), Lions Club, Love to Dance, Giggle Gang, as well as the past chairmen of KFCO.
- Every two years KFCO elect officers to the Organization.
- The following were appointed as COMELEC members in line with the planned election:
  - Danny Bitanga
  - Ralph Bunag
  - Ruffy Romano
- Maria Guiao lead the opening prayers.
- Minutes of previous year's AGM was distributed.
- A few minutes were given to checkout and review the minutes.
- There being no questions or issues raised, a motion to accept / approve the minutes was put forward by: Eula Rulloda and seconded by: Fely Castelo
  
- A short history of Kalayaan as a general terminology used to refer to both KFCO and KCCC wherein later on KCCC came about and was registered as a charitable organization with its own Board of Directors to look after and manage its affairs.
- KFCO continues to lend support to its sister organization, KCCC, through some of its yearly undertakings such as the Annual Gala Dinner Dance, the annual picnic which is usually held at Mississauga Community Valley Park, and the Kalayaan Festival Mississauga held at Mississauga Celebration Square all has an underlying theme or in conjunction with the celebration of Philippine independence.
- Take for example during the Gala Night Dinner Dance there were eleven past chairmen who graced the occasion and each one of them carried some of our historical flags as they entered the ballroom area.
- With Pons and Zeny Canonizado spear heading the annual picnic celebrations with the support of the Filipino Seniors of Mississauga, Josie de Leon's school of arts, Christine's dance groups and Siony's dance group, as well as other performing artist contribute to make an entertaining occasion.
- Fiesta ng Kalayaan (FNK) has evolved to become Philippine Festival Mississauga (PFM), with the inputs and suggestion from the City to make it more recognizable to the general public. We have made a strong cultural presence in the Community and we seem to stand out among other groups. PFM has its own committee of volunteer members. It has its own financial reports which has to be submitted and made ready to the City.

- PFM has been guided by the leadership of Linda Caring and Resty del Rosario together with other participating groups: Culture Philippine of Ontario (CPO), Feista Filipina Dance Troupes (Fiesta), Musika Mississauga, KCCC, Paskuhan, and KFCO.
- During the opening day of PFM, there were twelve dignitaries present.
- Guest from First Nation was present during the second day of the festivities.
- We had around sixty five high school volunteers to assist us in running some of our activities.
- We received around the area of \$15,000 support grant from the City.
- Part of our operating funds were generated from sponsors and vendors
- The continuous support by TFC Kapamilya with their performing artist from Manila which the crowd always looks forward to.
- KFCO did some Bingo fundraising thru Meadowvale Charitable Gaming Association
- Our souvenir program for our Gala Night assisted us in generating funds as well.
- KFCO likewise handles the PFM financials but we keep the KFCO and PFM separate in its reporting and we do not mix the accounts note that we have to report the financial information to the City
- Usually, KFCO keeps a reserve fund of around \$3000 for its anticipated future needs
- Josie Salac, KFCO Treasurer, presented the Treasurer's Report. Corresponding Financial Report was provided to all those in attendance for their info and reference.
- For figures and some details, please refer to the Financial Report
  - Cesar Cruz pointed out about the high receivables figures
  - Evelyn L. – wrong about the \$9000 receivables
  - \$2700 – PFM
  - Some from the Gala Ads
  - Delfin Palileo - \$4500 from 2015, no receivable from prior years
  - Fong Tsaur – asked about the collectible from the City
  - Fely Catelo – asked if KFCO is responsible to collect receivables from PFM
  - PFM has its own committee to go after outstanding accounts
  - Vangie Alcasid – mentioned about the KCCC Ad in the souvenir program
  - Charity Lim – on Vangie's statement, Charity said was a mistake that will be eventually be corrected
- Discussions went to Revised KFCO Constitution and By Laws of 2017
- A project undertaking which was started during Linda Carin's administration in consulting members and taking into account the corresponding feedbacks gathered to initially put in place some of the proposed amendments

- An attempt was made during that time to have the amendments ratified during one of the annual AGM but unfortunately did not materialize due to some questions put forward during the discussion process
- KFCO did not stop there but continued on reviewing its CBL and what amendments could be further put in place or enhance some of it the outdated provisions through its continuous communication and dialogue with its membership during Dr. Solon's administration and carried over to Rodel Meier's administration
- Unlike in previous occasion where there will be provision by provision discussions the proposed amendments to KFCO's CBL, we are now doing it on a total package basis since we have done and exerted our efforts in providing and distributing all the various provisions to its membership on several occasions and over a period of time and we have taken note and incorporated feedbacks provided by members, we therefore find it fitting that the ratification of the Proposed Amendments to KFCO's CBL is done on a package basis meaning in its totality as a whole
- One such example wherein we were given a feedback that it seems that the primary reason why KFCO was established was to celebrate Philippine Independence seemed to have been relegated to a background position, we listened and made sure that when the amendments were put in place the members are happy and satisfied with its wordings and the rightful level of importance is maintained
- Judy Montenegro together with Evelyn Laraya did mention that KFCO is part of KCCC's building investment and its outstanding liabilities
- In view of KFCO's recent financial experience where the Organization did not have excess money to share so amendments were introduced that sharing some financial benefits would now be subject to availability of funds and likewise taking into account what financial obligations KFCO has to address in the future
- KFCO did not abandon providing financial support to KCCC, in fact in one of its provisions it mentions its continuous support to KCCC and no other Organization has been mentioned or included
- Ed Fondozo did mention that he saw such support is indeed mentioned in one of the provisions in KFCO's CBL
- KFCO will surely continue to provide financial as well as activities support to KCCC, it just so happens that now it is subject to the financial situation that KFCO is in at a particular point in time, we cannot give or share what we do not have at hand
- Danny B. moved for the ratification vote on the Proposed Amendments KFCO's CBL to proceed, this was seconded by Val M.
- Results of the votation: 38 vote yes for the ratification of the Proposed Amendments to KFCO's CBL out 48 in attendance during the votation process

- *Danny B. opened nomination for members of KFCO's Executive Council. Since the Proposed Amendments to KFCO's Amended CBL has been earlier ratified by the general membership and its effectivity as provided for:*

*Article IX: Amendments to KFCO Constitution and By-Laws*

*Section 3: Effectivity*

- Amendments to KFCO's Constitution and By-Laws shall take effect immediately after the KFCO general membership ratification vote

- Therefore under the Amended KFCO's CBL of 2017

*Section 2: Composition of KFCO Executive Council*

- a) There shall be nine (9) KFCO executive council positions open for nomination / election by KFCO members during a General Membership meeting.
- b) Aside from the nine (9) KFCO executive council positions open for nomination / election during a General Membership meeting, there shall be and additional of two (2) other executive council positions that are only appointive in nature by the members of the KFCO Executive Council at any time at their option or leisure. Said two (2) appointive executive council positions are not included nor open for nomination / election during a General Membership meeting.

- The following were nominated:

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| ○ Eula Rulloda    | - | accepted |
| ○ Val Mape        | - | accepted |
| ○ Fe Tabaga       | - | accepted |
| ○ Rodel Meier     | - | declined |
| ○ Fely Castelo    | - | accepted |
| ○ Rene Sevilla    | - | accepted |
| ○ Josie Salac     | - | accepted |
| ○ Fong Tasur      | - | accepted |
| ○ Charity Lim     | - | declined |
| ○ Babeth Cerbas   | - | declined |
| ○ Noel            | - | declined |
| ○ Pons Cononizado | - | declined |
| ○ Zeny Canonizado | - | declined |
| ○ Peter Santos    | - | declined |
| ○ Cesar Cruz      | - | declined |
| ○ Vangie Alcasid  | - | declined |

- Marilyn Palileo - accepted
- Announcement was made for anyone interested to become a KFCO Executive Council can come forward and present themselves
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- Only 8 of the nominees accepted
- And since we have only 8 members of the KFCO Executive Council, they were all acclaimed into position
- The 8 members of the KFCO Executive Council met to decide among themselves who would be occupying the various officer's position within KFCO. The results were:
  - Eula Rulloda - Chairman
  - Val Mape - Vice Chairmen
  - Fely Catelo - Secretary
  - Fong Tsaur - Treasurer
  - Fe Tabago - Assistant Treasurer
  - Josie Salac - Auditor (Internal)
  - Marilyn Palileo - Business Manager
  - Rene Sevilla - PRO
- Becky Cruz came out and indicated later on that she was interested in becoming a member of the KFCO Executive Council
- Since there was open invitation for any interested member to come up and there is still one vacancy, she was accepted by the body
- KFCO Executive Council meeting planned for Nov 21, 2017 at the KCCC Media Room at 7:00 PM

AGM Meeting was adjourned around 18:00 hrs.