



Kalayaan Filipino Cultural Organization

Annual General Meeting Minutes
November 25, 2018
5225 Orbitor Drive, Mississauga, #3, L4W 5M6

1. Call to order @3:30 PM
 - 1.1 Welcome Prayer led by Fely Castelo, Secretary
 - 1.2 Introduction of members and officers present (Attendance 30)
 2. Acceptance of the Agenda, motioned by Val, Seconded by Becky, Carried.
 3. Minutes of the 2017 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 Lourdes, Seconded by Val, Carried.
 4. Chairperson's Report = Eula Rolluda as quoted.
 - a.** Talked about the history of KFCO. The primary purpose of KFCO is to unite the Filipinos in Mississauga and its environs in commemorating the Philippine Independence every June. Through this celebration, we try to keep our traditions and culture for us and for the next generation after us.
 - b.** Kalayaan started the year with a Valentine Dinner Dance and at the same time the induction of the new set of officers for 2018-2019. 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.
 - c.** 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.
 - d.** The two - day Philippine Festival Mississauga continues to draw large crowd 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. The Philippine Festival Mississauga has its own committees that plans and works on many deadlines and KFCO is the organization that supports this huge undertaking. Thanks to the outstanding leadership of Linda Carin, Resty Del Rosario, Rodel 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.
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e. The dinner dance Dancing Under the Stars is back and still a big hit to our dancing friends and has supplemented to our income this year. Another event that was back this year is the Flag Raising at City Hall now that the city has allowed the flag raising again of different ethnic groups. Again, Mayor Crombie was there and a small reception for those who attended followed.

f. Another new this year is the publication of KFCO's newsletter Connecting thru the initiative of Rene Sevilla. Three issues were published and we hope to continue to connect to our members and friends.

g. Eula then presented the Executive Board: Val Mape, Vice Chairperson and our souvenir sponsor, Fe Tabago, our deeply committed treasurer who stepped up when our elected treasurer resigned, Fhely Castelo, secretary, emcee, Josie Salac, Auditor, Lourdes Lachica, Business Manager, Rene Sevilla, our writer, photographer, Becky Cruz, PRO, Ruffy Romano and Rodol Meier, our valued advisers.

5. Treasurer's Report = Fe Tabago/Josie Salac (Auditor)

5.1 Financial Statements were distributed to members.

5.2 Business Arising:

* Cesar Cruz, President FSM – suggestion to separate income from Souvenir Program to the Gala

* Resty Del Rosario, Chairperson of KCCC, praise the hard work in preparing the financial report.

5.3 Acceptance of the Financial Report, Motioned by Evelyn Laraya, Seconded by Becky Cruz, Carried.

6. General Business

6.1. Turnover of Donation to KCCC

A cheque of \$7000 (\$3000 from KFCO and \$4000 from PFM) was presented by the KFCO Board to the KCCC Board.

7. Other Business

Planned Activities for the coming year

7.1. Dancing Under the Stars @ KCCC – April 27, 2019

7.2. Independence Day Gala 2019 @ Capitol Banquet Hall – June 7, 2019

7.3 Kalayaan Annual Picnic @ Mississauga Valley – June 15, 2019

7.4 Philippine Festival Mississauga @ Celebration Square TBA

8. Open Forum

9. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn at 4:19 PM

10. Social/Merienda

Prepared by:

Fely Castelo, Secretary