

## **KFCO Holds Annual General Membership Meeting**

Kalayaan Filipino Cultural Organization (KFCO) held its annual general membership meeting last 29 Oct. 2017 at the KCCC Media Room. Rodel Meier, KFCO Chairman, made the welcoming speech acknowledging and thanking the support provided by the various associations and groups as well as from the past chairs of the Organization. The major activities handled / participated by KFCO were reported. While Josie Salac, Treasurer, briefed the audience financial status as of the end of Sept. 2017 fiscal year. Rodel mentioned that *“KFCO was a team that relied on each other, covered for each other without hesitation”*.

One of the highlight of the meeting was the referendum on the proposed amendments to KFCO’s Constitution and By-Laws (CBL). The process to think about the changes to be put in place for KFCO’s CBL started way back in 2011 and was continued on by the various officers of the Organization thereon with the integration of feedback mechanism from its members. Through the raising of hands, with an affirmation of 38 YES votes, the numbers obtained is well within the 2/3 of those present in the meeting to ratify the proposed amendments.

With the amended KFCO CBL 2017 immediately coming into effect, members of the KFCO Executive Council were nominated / elected. Here are the 2018 -2020 officers: Eula Rulloda – Chairman, Val Mape – Vice Chairman, Fhely Castelo – Secretary, Becky Cruz – Asst. Secretary, Fong Tsaur – Treasurer, Fe Tabago – Asst. Treasurer, Josie Salac – Auditor, Marilyn Palileo – Business Manager, and Rene Sevilla – PRO.

Part of the activities that afternoon, was in relation to Philippine Festival Mississauga PFM), wherein the working partners composed of Culture Philippines of Ontario (CPO), Fiesta Filipina Dance Troupe (Fiesta), Kalayaan Community Clutural Organization (KCCC), and Kalayaan Filipino Cultural Organization (KFCO) turned over a donation of \$3600 to KCCC through its current President, Charity Roda.

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