



Kalayaan Filipino Cultural Organization (KFCO)

Minutes of Annual General Meeting

November 20, 2022

#3-5225 Orbitor Drive, Mississauga, ON L4W 5M6

1. Call to order @ 3:09 PM
 - 1.1. Attendance: Quorum has been reached. There's a total of 32 attendees that included representatives from the following groups: Filipino Seniors; Hula; Bayanihan; KCCC & KFCO.
 - 1.2. Agenda accepted by Lourdes Lachica; Seconded by Rene Sevilla
 - 1.3. The history of KFCO was briefly summarized by Rene and hard copies were distributed to all attendees.
 - 1.4. Minutes of 2019 AGM was reviewed by all. Acceptance motioned by Rodel Meier, seconded by Fe Tabago

2. Chairman's Report:
 - 2.1 Code of Conduct, including the confidentiality clause, was created as part of the requirement on the supplemental guideline set by city of Mississauga. A copy can be provided to KFCO members upon request.
 - 2.2 Independence Day Gala held on June 10, 2022 at the Mississauga Grand was a big success albeit the size of the room was limited to only 120 guests.
 - 2.3 Independence Day Picnic held on June 18, 2022 at Mississauga Valley Park went very well.
 - 2.4 Philippine Festival held on July 16 & 17 2022 at the Mississauga Celebration Square drew more audience / attendance compared to pre-pandemic events.
 - 2.5 On July 19, 2021, KFCO board discussed and agreed to propose a possible merger between KFCO & KCCC. Letter of Intent addressed to KCCC dated August 4, 2021, was read during this AGM meeting as well as KCCC's response of unanimously accepting the aforesaid proposal.

3. Treasurer's Report presented by Fe Tabago, Treasurer and Josie Salac, Auditor of KFCO.
 - 3.1 Copies of Financial Report for year ended September 30, 2022 were distributed and a quick summary entailed:

3.2 Cash in Bank	\$4,921
Total Income	\$107,659
Total Expenses	\$104,857
Net Assets at Year End	\$11,356

- 3.3 There was a comment with regards to cost of Honoraria – International Artist being quite high. Resty del Rosario of KCCC had explained the need to get someone popular to resonate with the younger generations. Our focus is to re-start activities/programs and to re-connect the Filipino community in order to obtain the grant from the government. Motion to accept Financial Report by Maria Salac. Seconded by Lydia Bernardino.

4. Main Business

- 4.1 COMELEC members were introduced as Mr. Ruffy Romano and Mr. Cesar Cruz

- 4.2 The following KFCO members, who have been pre-nominated, were presented to the meeting:

- Rene Sevilla
- Lourdes Lachica
- Jean Dacanay
- Josie Salac
- Fe Tabago
- Fely Castelo
- Maria Salac

Advisors: Ruffy Romano; Rodel Meier, Eula Rulloda

Nomination was moved to close by Marilyn Palileo was seconded by Tezzy Lazatin.

- 4.3 Referendum Voting:

- Members were asked if they a) are in favor of the proposed merger and b) authorize KFCO to continue talks with KCCC in this regard.
- One of the members had asked the pros of the merge and KCCC chairperson Resty del Rosario had explained that since KCCC has high reputation with the city of Mississauga, same with KFCO, the merger will:
- Result to harmonized planning of activities in terms of notification and registration
- Have big impact to the community
- Result to KCCC being able to claim GST rebate

- 4.4 Tallying of Votes:

Referendum: 25 members overwhelmingly voted **YES** to possible KFCO & KCCC merger vs. 2 that voted **NO** and 5 in abstention.

The 7 pre-nominated KFCO Board members acclaimed as elected for 2022-2024 term:

- Fely Castelo – Chairperson
- Maria Salac – Vice Chair
- Rene Sevilla – Press Relations Officer
- Lourdes Lachica – Business Manager
- Fe Tabago - Treasurer

- Josie Salac – Auditor
 - Jean Dacanay – Secretary
- Advisors: Ruffy Romano; Rodel Meier
Appointed advisor: Eula Rulloda

5. Other Business

5.1 40th Independence Day Gala Celebration in 2023 – discussion deferred to a later date pending results of election and referendum.

6. Wrap up.

7. Next Meeting: TBA

8. Meeting moved to be adjourned by Teresita Lazatin: 5:00 p.m.

Prepared by: Jean Dacanay
Secretary 2020-2022