



Kalayaan Filipino Cultural Organization (KFCO)

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & ELECTION
February 2, 2025

Held at KCCC Grand Hall, 5225 Orbitor Drive, Mississauga
Meeting to order @ 3:26pm

Attendance: 44

Executive Council present: Fely Castelo, Josie Salac, Rene Sevilla, Fe Tabago, Lourdes Lachica, Rodel Meier, Lydia Bernardino – she was appointed as treasurer in September of 2024.

Call to order: Chairperson: Fely Castelo
Land Acknowledgement: Lourdes Lachica
Prayer: Rodel Meier

Motion to accept the minutes of AGM 2024 by - Lourdes Lachica, seconded by Jo Mari Azzaraga. No objection. Motion carried.

Motion of approval for acceptance of Agenda by - Madge Baluca, seconded by Marilyn Palileo. No objection. Motion carried.

KFCO monthly meeting is the second Monday of the month.

Chairman's Report:

... KFCO does not charge membership fee – based on the CBL page 5, article IV, Section 1 on Eligibility. All that is needed is to fill up an application form, to be included in the Membership Master List, and participating in KFCO events like the Gala, Picnic and various fundraising projects.

... The main mandate of KFCO is to commemorate the declaration of Philippine Independence which was attained in 1898. KFCO named this commemoration event as INDEPENDENCE DAY GALA. It is celebrated every year. Last year it was celebrated on June 7, 2024 at Mississauga Grand Banquet and Event Centre, with 210 guests attending. The Gala Souvenir Program had 34 advertisers supporting this event. It is a suitable time to wear our traditional terno and barong attires.

... The Picnic last year was chaired by Lourdes Lachica, our Business Manager. It was attended by different groups and organizations and aside from the food that was shared by many, the entertaining program was participated by the KCCC Line Dancing led by Gerry and Merilyn Macasero, the Hula Fanatics led by Christine Macri, Siony's Dance Troupe, JDL, Silayan,

Musika Children’s Chorus, Filipino Seniors of Mississauga, a church group, special songs by Clem Cabillan, among others. There were close to 250 participants enjoying the picnic event. As usual, the picnic was held at Mississauga Valley Park.

... The Philippine Festival Mississauga (PFM) is a festival run under KFCO, and is presented every year at Mississauga Celebration Square. This city event is led by a committee chaired by Linda Carin and some partner organizations, with our hired Consultants – Rosary and Kim Escano. According to the City survey, this year, PFM is in the top 10 in the Festival Category Celebrations. The City gauged the attendance at 50K spectators for the two days of the festival.

... With regards to the plan of merging KFCO with KCCC, it is still an ongoing process. The two parties had accepted and approved the merging. The delay is on the KFCO Grant application to GROW GRANT with Trillium. Awaiting approval, it will be a 3-year grant contract, and we can’t do the transition because the application is under the banner of KFCO.

Auditor’s Report – Year ended September 30, 2024: by Josie Salac

... The financial report was audited by an external auditor.

Revenues - \$260,798

Expenses - \$229,721

Excess of revenues over expenses = \$31,077

Assets Current - \$96,128

Liabilities & Net Assets Current - \$96,128

Net Assets – Beginning of Year - \$31,077 - Excess of revenues over expenses

Net Assets – End of year - \$62,531

Increase in Cash Flow - \$26,932

Cash - Beginning of year - \$40,735

Cash – End of the year - \$67,667

... Move to accept the financial report by Josie Salac – by Vangie Alcasid, seconded by Madge Baluca. No objection. Motion carried.

General Business:

... Unfinished business from minutes dated November 20, 2022 - review and acceptance of minutes as corrected or as is. (copies of minutes circulated)

Motion to accept the AGM minutes of November 20, 2022 as corrected – by Rodel Meier, seconded by Lydia Bernardino. No objection. Carried.

Planned Activities for 2025:

... Dancing Under The Stars at KCCC - March 15, 2025

... Independence Day Gala at Hyatt Place - June 14, 2025

... Kalayaan Annual Picnic at Mississauga Valley Park - June 29, 2025

... Philippine Festival Mississauga at Celebration Square - September 12, 13, 14.

New Business:

... Nomination and Election of Officers 2025 – 2027

... Presentation of pre-nominated candidates for office

... COMELEC assisting: Vangie Alcasid, Delfin Palileo, Jo Marie Azarraga

Result of the Election:

There were 9 candidates nominated (Required 9 elected positions in accordance with the KFCO's Constitution and by laws.) A motion to close the nomination by Marilyn Palileo, Seconded by Fe Tabago. No objection. Carried

The 9 nominated candidates were acclaimed Executive Board of Directors namely: Lourdes Lachica, Rodel Meier, Fely Castelo, Rene Sevilla, Fe Tabago, Jean Dacanay, Tess Filio, Luvim Pampilon, Marilyn Palileo. Vilma Castillo was appointed by the Executive Board.

Presentation of new KFCO Executive Council:

Chairperson - Fely Castelo

Vice Chairperson - Rodel Meier

Secretary - Jean Dacanay

Treasurer – Vilma Castillo – appointed

Press Relation Officers: Rene Sevilla

Luvim Pampilon

Business Managers - Lourdes Lachica

Tess Filio

Internal Auditor – vacant

Directors: Marilyn Palileo

Fe Tabago

Advisers: Eula Rulloda

Ruffy Romano

Motion to close the AGM by – Lerma Valdez, seconded by Madge Baluca

Meeting adjourned.

Merienda was served in appreciation to all who attended the AGM.

Report prepared by Rodel Meier, in the absence of the secretary – Jean Dacanay