

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: August 15, 2010
Place: Starbuck's by IUPUI (Campus Center was close)
Meeting Called 10:23 am
Meeting Adjourned 12:17 am
Next Board Meeting: Sunday September 5, 2010

ATA-IN Board Members Present

Mrs. Gunay Lynch	President	
Mr. Caner Demirdogen	Vice President	Late, present at 11:10
Mr. Connor Lynch	Secretary	
Mr. Ahmet Fer	Corp. Relations	
Ms. Cansu Sener	Student Relations	

Agenda / Discussion

1. Seker Bayrami – Sept 12, 2pm – 6pm Another meeting will address more on Bayram on Aug. 29 at Tony Sacco's and next board meeting on Sep.5, 2010

a. Organization

- i. Caner Demirdogen will create an Excel sheet for the Bayram "to do" list.
- ii. Bayram will be a sit-down dinner with a buffet-service.
- iii. Members and the guests are expected to "donate" certain amount of money.
- iv. Members will have discounted "donation" amount.
- v. Payment table should be setup outside the door so that people can pay before eating and socializing.
- vi. There should be some sort of proof of "donation" for our guests to show at the buffet.

b. Setup

- vii. Cansu Sener kindly offered her apartment for food storage if necessary. She lives very close to campus center.
- viii. We can use slow cookers, microwaves, and electric skillet for warm food.
- ix. Gunay Lynch will check with IUPUI if we can find students to set-up, serve and cleanup with us for "credit or internship", if not we will find other volunteers or hire students to do those chores.

c. Location

- x. IUPUI at campus center building in room CE450 is already reserved, which has a very large capacity.
- xi. We cannot cater by IUPUI rules, but we should be able to bring our food cooked by us. Gunay Lynch and Cansu Sener will clarify that and visit the room to decide the layout.

d. Food

- xii. Because of the experience with "potluck" in the past (never enough food), we decided that ATA-IN will provide the food.
- xiii. We all will submit menu ideas suitable for buffet setting with some limitation on warm food service. (We have 3-4 slow cookers and electric skillet)
- xiv. If we decide to make food ourselves, we must make something that won't get cold quickly like kebab
- xv. We will ask some of our members who can cook well, to prepare the dishes once we decided on the menu. ATA-IN will pay for the expense.

2. Short update about the conference call with other Mid-central ATAA Component associations - Gunay Lynch

- a. TACAM (Turkish American Cultural Association of Michigan)
 - i. has several thousand members
 - ii. Charges \$ 150 per member
 - iii. Hires event coordinators
- b. Many other groups like Chicago hold youth retreats that we are interested in
 - i. Ahmet Fer will look up different locations suitable for youth-camp (costs, etc. of places like eagle creek or a IU retreat).
- c. Mrs. Nurten Ural,
 - i. suggested that we fill out the "grant-form" from the Turkish Cultural Foundation web site and apply for a grant Re: the international festival
 - ii. She also mention that there are work underway to bring Turkish-youth (16-20) together for a 4 day camp and
 - iii. There is some work been done to bring a group of Turkish youth to Turkey for a tour as well.
 - iv. We ended the meeting with the decision to "*come up with ideas how to work together and what we can do for each other*"

3. Update about ATA-IN's new Website

- a. We made a motion and voted and approved unanimously to ask Mr. Ozgur Ozsoy, who has been working with Gunay Lynch in creating our new website, to join our board.
- b. Gunay Lynch will contact him.
- c. Currently the old website is working and the new one is very close to be done.

4. International Festival

We have to meet at least once to discuss only the festival.

- a. We discussed at length the meaning of our theme "food for thought" (FFT)
 - i. Ahmet Fer pointed that this saying does not refer to literal food, but to an idea that fuels your thinking or imagination
 - ii. We had been interpreting this more literally, as meaning a theme based on food Turkish cuisine. This is not necessarily wrong, however.
- b. Booths
 - i. Emel Doner will be in charge of a 10'x 10' area for a Pazar with food under a tent she will provide.
 - ii. We must watch our electricity consumption, because that is where a majority of cost come from.
 - iii. Emel Doner already created a letter for fund raising, which needs to be approved.
 - iv. Ahmet Fer already filled out the "grant-form" from the TCF web site, which also needs to be approved.
 - v. We will write to Marmarabirilik and Pinar for food donations of olives, olive oil, yogurt, feta, etc. so that we could have people sample them free of charge.

5. Other Business

- a. Caner Demirdogen delivered the checks and a summary of ATA-IN Brunch for Emel Doner. Since she was not at the meeting, Gunay Lynch received them instead.

Summary: We all need to submit menu ideas for the Bayram celebration.

- Gunay Lynch:
 - Contact Ozgur Ozsoy
 - Check the size and regulations for "food and donation" at the IUPUI room.
 - Check the possibilities in finding "service help" from IUPUI Event-organization and Tourism programs.
- Caner Demirdogen:
 - Organize a late Sunday Lunch on August, 29th at Tony Sacco's in Clay Terrace Mall, (14405 Clay Terrace Blvd, Ste 150. Carmel, IN 46032). Tel: 317-574 3474
 - Create an Excel "to do" Sheet for Bayram.
 - Look into insuring ATA-IN
- Ahmet Fer:
 - Research possibilities for a "youth-camp"
 - Work further on the grant application

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