

EWCPA Board Meeting Minutes

DATE: February 5, 2012

PLACE: Hale Manoa EWCPA Office

TAKEN BY: Megumi Chibana

ATTENDEES: Chip, Megu, Duyen, Jojo, Nancy, Meggy, Mattias, Muguwa, Nozomi, Saeko, Wakana, Saipul, Sam, Roma, Poya

GUEST: Brian, Apinya, Asma, Micah, Amjol = 20 total

Meeting started 7:13 pm

1. Requests to the Board from guests

- Brian (EWC Enrichment Program Representative) attended the meeting to report about the program, announced upcoming events, requested support for promoting the program events
 - Thursday February 23, a discussion on sexual harassment, relationships, dating, etc.
 - Saturday March 24, a volleyball game tournament on grass
 - plan to collect “pitch-in” budget from participating teams
 - help needed from the board for advertizing & promoting the event
- Apinya, Asma, and Micah (International Graduate Student Conference Committee)
 - February 16-18 at Imin Center; 90 people are expected to come to present
 - need volunteers for preparation, shopping, registration, IT, moderators, food serving, drivers; 20 people signed up so far but 50 more positions need to be filled

2. Report from each rep (if any)

President

- proposed a request for volunteers to help EWC Tour for HELP class
 - Whoever (Nancy & Nozomi) interested in helping them, will follow up with Chip
 - Amjol suggested Housing staff can help answering questions about EWC Housing

Vice President (absent)

Secretary

- requested approval of last meeting's minutes
 - a motion to approve the last meeting minutes was proposed by Duyen, Muguwa seconded; the board approved the last meeting

minutes.

Treasurer

- reported approximate balance is \$2600
- question of requesting separate money for EW Fest was raised
→ Muguwa will ask the admin.

Hale Manoa Rep.

- based on suggestions from previous meetings, Nozomi made eye-catching flyers for kitchen cleaning
- Kitchen Reps: suggestion to have kitchen reps in each kitchen was raised, forwarded with volunteers
 - need confirmation if kitchen rep can be qualified their volunteer hours for EWC community service hours
 - suggestion to find a “community leader” in each ethnic/region community to approach properly
 - current housing conducts do not include specific cleaning rules but Housing is editing the conducts
 - concerns about public health need to be addressed more as standard issue
- Problems between specific residents or inside a particular unit need to be reported to the Housing Staff Assistants

Hale Kuahine Rep.

- Party issue: Housing did not inform about a party at HK which brought too many people in HK Green Room, violated fire code, caused noise in inappropriate time, and residents’ inaccessibility to their cabinets
 - Housing will set a new regulation for Green Room to hold 25 people at a max
 - suggestion to find a solution to reserve Hale Halawai (i.e. EWCPA will help an ethnic group events?)
 - EWCPA should have suggested a list for party place
- Women’s bathroom: sanitary bags should be provided in bathrooms
 - request was declined from Housing due to costs; follow up with Housing
- Storage: boxes are taken away from storage during resident’s absence
 - Amjol suggested to talk to Housing and report missing stuff as clearly as you can

Spouse Rep. (absent)

- Having a small potluck for married participants

Graduate Students Organization Rep.

- Tuesday Feb. 7, a hearing for the bill Grad Student Unionization, which addresses allocation of UH funds
- GSO Student conference will be coming up on March 2 and 3.

Friends of EWC Rep.

- no report

EWC Alumni Rep.

- looking for performers for April 29 dinner
- Pei-luen will contact performers from Concert on the Lawn individually

Community Service Coordinator

- put up boxes and a wish list, started collecting stuff for the homeless
- need help to sort collected clothes on Feb 12 and 13

Activities Committee Co-Coordinator

- International potluck reflection: reimbursement of money worked good
- Mystical Poetry Reading on March 2, 6-8pm at Hale Halawai; refreshments will be provided; need sound system

Sustainability Co-Coordinator

- Kukui Cup: 3wk competition; learn and compete to save water, and energy, and change behavioral patterns for sustainable lifestyle
 - will look for volunteers after IGSC
 - will send more info about Kukui Cup for the Board's support
- addressed a need to develop consistency at EWC regarding kitchen issues and sustainability between EWC admin and EWCPA; Kukui Cup can help with that?

Community Garden Coordinator

- reported last week's potluck informal meeting and gardeners' clean-up activity
- Facebook: planned to create a closed community garden group on Facebook in order to facilitate more active communication among gardeners
 - It shouldn't use "EWCPA" on Facebook; contact Floren for posting things on Facebook/internet

Movie Coordinator (absent)

- a request to advertize movies in HM elevator was raised

Shuttle Coordinator

- requested to help looking for new drivers

List-serv Manager

- question for criteria to include in list-serv
 - only for EWC participants?
 - alumni and HM/HK residents?

- question either he should restrict/filter message and people
→ a discussion will carry over to next meeting

4. East West Fest

- Date is tentatively scheduled on April 8 afternoon-evening
- Place will be determined depending on the event budget
- Need to brainstorm fun projects to create a budget list
- EW Fest T-shirt proposal need to start soon

Meeting adjourned 9:25pm