

## EWCPA Board Meeting Minutes

**DATE:** Oct. 5, 2011

**PLACE:** Hale Kuahine Green Room

**TAKEN BY:** Megumi Chibana

**ATTENDEES:** Chip, Muguwa, Nozomi, Poya, Saipul, Meggy, Roma, Mika, Saeko, Gita, Megu, Pei-luen, Jojo, Wakana, Duyen, Nancy, Kanitha = 17 total

*Meeting stated 8:50pm*

A motion to approve the last meeting minutes was proposed by Chip (President), Muguwa (Treasurer) and Nozomi (HM Rep.) seconded.

### 1. Regular Board meeting schedule

- As a result of online poll conducted from Oct.1 to Oct. 4, 2011-2012 EWCPA Board regular meeting will be held on the first Sunday of every month from 5:00pm-6:30pm.

### 2. EWCPA Board mailing list

- Chip proposed to create an EWCPA mailing list. Attendees voted, 14 agreed, the motion was passed. Chip appointed Nozomi to create the EWCPA listserv, Nozomi accepted.

### 3. Movie night video clip for kitchen cleaning

- Chip proposed to show a video clip about kitchen cleaning to show at movie night. He consulted with Wakana (Movie Rep.) and Nozomi.
- Discussion on how to raise awareness about kitchen cleaning
  - the length of the video should be 1:30-4min.
  - should have better wording
  - make the video more realistic
  - other possible concerns on using kitchen should be included to the video
  - when and where to show the video?
  - how to approach non-EWC residents
  - needs to emphasize own responsibility to clean up as a resident
  - better cleaning up by ourselves can be savings for EWC?
- Chip will talk to the creator of the video to edit and he will report about showing the video at the next meeting. Mika (Sustainability Co.) suggested to have a meeting with housing staffs.

### 4. Reports from each representative (if any)

#### Sustainability:

- Nancy and Mika reported about their meeting with EWC staff regarding sustainability issues. Old refrigerators could be one of the major energy

consumers. They suggested measuring and reporting how much energy refrigerators consume.

Some concerning points:

- how to approach owners to change/reduce the use of an old fridge
  - possibility of EWCPA subsidizing fridge change cost
  - cleaning fridges also help to save energy
- Mika and Nancy will discuss on details if they propose this as a Sustainability project.
  - A concern on planning small activities is raised by Nancy. Chip answered if an activity asks to use EWCPA budget, approvals by the Board president and treasurer are required. If a small project is proposed, supports from at least 5 members are required. This can be done online.

#### **Hale Kuahine:**

- Jojo (HK Rep.) raised a request for setting a change machine and another water fountain at HK.
- A plan for Sustainable Halloween Party was announced by Jojo. The initial intention of having a party at HK is to encourage cultural exchange and more interactions of HM and HK residents. Sustainable part of this event is sustainable costume contests and etc.
- Jojo will discuss with Nozomi and Nancy. A proposal for the party is expected to be prepared by Nancy.
- No additional Board meetings are expected for this event.

#### **Garden:**

- Some concerns were raised regarding the use of community gardens
  - setting of a composting bin
  - the length and the rotation of having a plot
  - outsiders' access to the plot
  - updating a plot map

#### **Alumni:**

- Pei-luen (Alumni Rep.) will report activity plans to EWCA according to EWCPA event calendar.

#### **Shuttle:**

- Meggy (Shuttle Co.) reported that EWC deducted the budget from running the shuttle.

Some concerns and suggestions on Shuttle:

- need to have better/strict regulations on passengers; lots of "no shows" or "going to beach" with a van
- suggestion to get names and phone numbers of passengers
- make people know the costs to rent a van

- HK residents are disadvantaged to write a name on the list which is set at HM lobby

Meggy will take the concerns and update at the next meetings.

**Others:**

- Saipul (Activity Co.) suggested to bring your own bag for shopping. Nancy suggested to put a bin collect plastic bags at lobby.
- Cooperative works with Sustainability, Shuttle, and Garden Coordinators are suggested to promote sustainable EW community and saving the budget.
- Nancy suggested to se a “suggestion box” in each Hale.

**5. Concert on the Lawn**

- Saipul and Poya (Activity Co.) proposed the Concert on the Lawn to Mendl, waiting for her approval. A draft to ask for performers is ready. They asked to spread the words about the concert. There is a concern that the \$1,000 budget would not be fully approved. A planned budget distribution is \$200 drinks + \$500 food + \$300 sound = \$1,000 total.
- Roma (Community Service Co.) suggested combining the Concert and International potluck because of the limited budget. Discussion concerns included overlapping peoples to perform and to prepare food, different purpose for each event, etc. The discussion upheld to continue as one event with unanimous implicit agreements.
- Suggestions for theme concepts for the event were raised: One ‘ohana, Unity and Diversity. Saipul and Poya will work to decide theme online.
- Nancy volunteered to drive her car in needs of shopping for the event.
- Jojo recommended to prepare 5 microphones and 3 mic stands.

**6. Next meeting**

- Many ideas are raised regarding saving costs; will be discussed in further meetings.
- Chip suggested to hold a meeting to for the Concert on Sunday Oct. 9<sup>th</sup>, 8-9pm at Hale Kuahine. 12 members agreed.

*Meeting adjourned at 10:35pm.*