

VILLAGE OF HOFFMAN ESTATES
CULTURAL AWARENESS COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 6th, 2024

7:15pm – Regan Room – Village Hall

I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting to order at 7:15 pm.

II. ROLL CALL

Present

Kathryn McCord, Chair
Ximena Atristain-Bigurra
Susan Cooper
Bonnie Wurster
Arlene Montanez
Sandra Lahoz
Jean Stone

Absent

Eric Fox – Excused
Minerva Milford -Excused
Stefania Chicaiza-Excused

Staff Liaison

Patrick Seger
Cathy Doczekalski

Guest

Tanya Aiyedun

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Tanya introduced herself as a resident of Schaumburg where she met Bonnie at a Juneteenth event. She is interested in becoming a member of the Commission. Patrick shared with Tanya to contact Hallie and request interest in the commission and ask about the next steps.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – January 2, 2024

Motion to approve the minutes as read made by Kathryn, seconded by Bonnie. Voice vote, all in favor. Motion passed and minutes approved.

V. Old Business

Debrief 2024 MLK Breakfast

Kathryn congratulated the commission on a great job organizing the event with booking One Choir and the speaker Cheb. The Commission asked to debrief the event. Ximena said the speaker was very good and may be a future speaker for the Hispanic Heritage event. Cheb also plays in the Funk Brotherz that will be performing at the Black History Month event later this month. Ximena said everything went very well with the food. She noted that we may need more orange juice next year as we ran out.

Kathryn indicated that the spirit in the room was great even though the numbers were down due to the extremely cold weather. Jean mentioned that flowers were even frozen due to the weather.

Finalizing Black History Month

Bonnie shared the agenda for the event with the commission to review. The Commission agreed to the following schedule:

Program Open – 2:00 Music in the background.

Demetrius's welcome – 2:15

2:45 Demetrius introduces Mayor McLeod.

Mayor Welcome

Funk Brotherz 2:50 – 3:10

Solo Song – 3:10 – 3:15

Speaker – Herb Porter 3:15 -3:30

Funk Brotherz 3:30 – 4:00

Dancers 4:00 to 4:05

Funk Brotherz 4:05 – 4:20

Closing remarks 4:30 Demetrius – have Demetrius provide thank you to those groups attending. – Kathryn to provide a list of individuals to thank. Also, to introduce the CAC members.

The Commission should arrive at noon on the day of the event for set up. Ximena indicated that she will not be able to attend as she has an event in February each year.

Kathryn has purchased tablecloths that are black, red, and green and a few yellow.

Food – Kathryn ordered 96-piece pack (chicken) from Jewel with 8 lbs. of Cole slaw and 8lbs of potato salad.

If the RSVP by Friday, February 16 exceeds 75 participants we will add another 48 pack of chicken with the sides.

The Commission decided on one full sheet, which will be marbled with chocolate frosting.

The group needs someone to pick up the food. Jewel at Golf and Higgins in Hoffman Estates. Jenn volunteered to pick up the food at 1:00 p.m.

Patrick will handle the Sam's Club Order which will include pop, water, extra Hawaiian rolls.

The event has been marketed a lot this year. Kathryn recommended placing an article in the Daily Herald. She added that the Schaumburg Library and Township will be publishing it as well.

Amber Krieger, Schaumburg Library, will be bringing kids crafts. Kathryn stated a student from Carmel Catholic H.S. will be volunteering with the kids crafts. We will set up tables for the crafts the same as Hispanic Heritage Fiesta.

Unity Day Event

The event will take place on Saturday, June 1, 2024 from 12 to 3 p.m. at Village Hall.

Kathryn previously provided a list of entertainers which include the following: Academy of Irish Music, Ecuador Taki Sumac, Edizon Dayao, Aztec Dance Chicago, Thistle & Heather and I-Radha School of Dance.

There will not be a speaker this year and each entertainment group will be saying something about Unity.

Kathryn presented a tentative food menu for consideration which includes the following: Guacamole, Mostaccioli, Grilled Chicken, Pork on a stick, Samosas, Fried Eggplant.

The Commission discussed the food menu. The Commission was not in favor of the eggplant dish but will look for another non-meat dish. Another option discussed was perhaps cabbage rolls and Chinese food dishes. Jean suggested going to Asian restaurants for cabbage rolls.

Additionally, the Commission will need tablecloths, a hot box to keep all of the food hot, and flowers for the tables.

Ximena asked about the budget for the event. The 2024 budget is \$2,875.

Hispanic Heritage Day

Minerva would like to work with Cheb as a potential speaker for the event.

While the Commissions had set October 19, 2024, as the date, it was learned that one of the rooms would not be available. Other potential dates for consideration are October 12 and September 28. The Commission will finalize the date next month. Ximena will check with Minerva for her availability.

VI. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made by Bonnie, seconded by Kathryn. Motion passed with all Commission members in favor, meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.

The next meeting of the Cultural Awareness Commission will be Tuesday, March 5th, 2024.