

MASSACHUSETTS ASIAN AMERICAN COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes May 13, 2008 at State House, Room 222.

Present: Ramesh Advani, Melissa Brown, Tackey Chan, Hung Goon, Debbie Ho, Kai Lau, Paul Lee, Kao Li, Paul Shaw, Neelam Wali (Chair), Howard Wayne, Gene Hartigan, Geoffrey Why.

Neelam Wali called the meeting to order at 12:07PM.

Review of AAC Minutes of April 8, 2008. Motion to accept by Tackey Chan; second by Kao Li. Motion approved 13-0.

Unity Dinner Report:

Neelam Wali reported on the successful fundraising event. Projected net funds to be raised will be approximately 15K. Checks are still being collected. Discussion ensued about the cost of the event and suggestions to have the event closer to the Asian American Committee. Final gross income and expenses may be available at the June meeting.

Financial Update:

Tackey Chan presented AAC finances. The financial accounting system being used is Quicken Quick Books Simple Start and some improvements are necessary. The AAC trust is currently waiting for approval from the Secretary of Administration and Finance. Discussion occurred regarding the process of how would checks issued and payments be made ones the trust is approved. There needs to be a better understanding on how this process would work by the AAC. The lack of a not for profit status will need to be addressed since it does hinder the AAC's fundraising capabilities.

Statewide Survey:

Planning is needed for implementation of the statewide needs assessment through the Boston Foundation grant. The money from the Boston Foundation has not been transferred yet. An e-mail will be sent to Commissioners seeing who is willing to chair and service on a committee to oversee this project.

Election of Officers:

AAC needs to select new officers next fiscal year according the by-laws. At the June meeting the nomination and election process will be discussed.

Old Business:

Discussion continued about the need to fund and recruit Executive Director.

Close of meeting:

Motion to adjourn made by Tackey Chan and Second by Kao Li. Motion approved 13-0. Meeting closed at 1:00PM.