

Asian American Heritage Committee

September 23, 2002

Members present: Dave Seery, Luck Kosoladolkitt, Karen Yee, Rashmi, Marisa Fentzell, Nora Chang, Dr. Shiono, Mrs. Shiono, Judi Stemmler, Dewi Wong, Nancy McCombe, Donna

Next meeting:

Wednesday
October 23, 2002
10:00 AM, Room 2212
Federal Building

Luncheon: Saroj Bahl has tentatively set up our luncheon at the Churchill Valley Country Club just off the Parkway East (directions attached). The price should remain around \$20 and the date is for May 2, 2003. The country club is not real difficult to find and there is free parking. More details will be forthcoming. There was also some concern that people might not want to travel to the country club so a few Committee members are looking into different places, somewhere centrally located. Again, more at the next meeting.

Heinz History Center: Nancy addressed the Committee with a few ideas for this year. Our program will be on May 3, 2003 between the hours of 10 – 3. We/she would like to see an expanded marketplace, since this seemed to be a big hit among the visitors. Also because of time constraints we have to limit our performances to 1 or 2 very short programs because we/she would like to keep the cooking demonstrations.

Once again this was a big hit but because of conflicting performances not everyone was able to attend. Nancy thought someone from Phipps any contacts or other ideas????

We/she would also like to be able to reach a broader audience. So what we are asking is that each Committee member think up a list of your contacts that you would like to see attend our program Conservatory with a Bonsai tree demo with the proper tools would help draw in people. Or perhaps someone from the Aviary, etc. Anyone have. We will then put these organizations, clubs, and friends on a mailing list and they will receive fliers and then maybe by word of mouth we can get more people to attend. Bring you lists to the next meeting or mail/fax/e-mail to Donna.

Student Nomination forms: Judi, Rashmi and Shanez really worked hard redoing the nominations forms and came up with standards that would make the whole process a little more uniform within the Committee itself. There was discussion among the members about some of the standards on the new form, but **please remember** these are only guidelines. Much of the information submitted by the students will also tell us if the students are following the instructions. I have attached a copy for everyone to look over and at the next meeting we have to decide on whether to use the new forms.

Also, please think up an essay topic. All topics will be voted on before final selection. One topic suggestion was - "Diversity – America's Pride".

Fundraiser: Well here is the scoop on our fundraising activities. We have 180 Enjoyment Books to try and sell. They are \$25.00 a piece and are comparable to the Entertainment Books with probably more restaurant selections and coupons for the north and south areas. The Entertainment Books are all sold! However, we have to sell a few Enjoyment Books. We agreed as a Committee to sell both books and we really need each of us to help our cause. Just let Lisa or Donna know how many books are needed so that we can get them delivered to you. We make a nice profit from these sales that have helped our bottom line tremendously.

News worthy item: Our chairman Dave will probably be retiring in the next two years. So we are in search of a replacement. Judi, Donna and Lisa have declined the nomination. What Dave would like to do is remain on the Committee providing guidance to the new chairperson until his departure. If anyone on the Committee would like to take over this position or knows of someone who would be good in this capacity, please let us know.

George, do you have any comments on this topic????