

Asian American Heritage Committee

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Members present: Dr. Shiono, Mrs. Shiono, Marisa Fentzell, Jaime Choi, Rashmi, Mrs. Bahl, Dewi Wong, Mike Whitelock, Dave Praskovich, Donna

Next meeting:

October 8, 2003
11:30 AM
Room 913 Federal Bldg.

With the Chairman nowhere in sight, the following items were discussed.

Fundraising - an update on our fundraising activities shows that even though sales are down from last year we are not doing too bad. We have enough of a balance in our account to cover any expenses this year. **We will still sell the Entertainment Books until November 1st.** Hopefully the Chairman can provide some information regarding the last date before the price increases, last date to sell and turn in monies, etc.

Financial Outlook - so far we are in pretty good condition. We will have a better picture once our fundraising efforts have ended.

Heinz History Center - The date this year will be **May 8, 2003**. Unfortunately Nancy could not attend the meeting but hopefully she will join us and give us some idea of how things went last year and what we should be doing to get this year off the a good start.

Student Nomination Forms - last year there was some discussion on a few changes that needed to be made. The minimum PSAT rating was one items and there were a few more. We need to address these issues **ASAP** because we have already received calls from some of the schools. This year Donna is going to try and get the nomination forms on the website before Christmas so the students can work on getting all the necessary information together before the deadline.

Luncheon – this year the luncheon will be held on **May 7, 2003** at the **Sheraton Hotel, Station Square**. The cost should remain around \$20. We will be in contact with the catering staff at the hotel to set up the menu selections sometime in Jan/Feb.

Miscellaneous - the Chinese Boat Races were held on the South Side on Sept 6th. If anyone attended hope you had a good time.

Dave has been in contact with an Alex Chan, Federal Asian Pacific American Council, Washington DC but we have not heard anything from him. Hopefully Dave can give us some insight into this.

On October 6, 2003 Ballet Manila will present a benefit performance at 7 PM at Carnegie Music Hall to benefit the future Philippine Nationality Room. Tickets are \$25 – 50 and \$15 for students with ID. For more information call PittArts at 412-856-1445.