ALGERIAN AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF GREATER WASHINGTON

Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting

Date of Meeting: September 21, 2008

Attendance : Abdelrani Bessaha
Smail Farid
Abdel-Illah Stambouli
Dalila Bessaha
Youcef Aissi
Lahouari Bounoua

Absent (not excused): Karim Boumaza

Agenda : Aid El Fitr Event
Status of Mounib Fund
Ababsa Concert
Administrative and Financial Items
Miscellaneous

I. AID EL FITR EVENT

1. The Board discussed the status of the preparation of the AID El Fitr event and has taken the decisions below:

- The current draft flier needs to be corrected to reflect the timing of the event from 3-6 pm on October 4, 2008 and indicates that entertainment will be provided to the kids (***Smail***).
- The flier should be sent to members by Wednesday 24th of September by snail mail (***Smail***)
- The information about the AID Event should also be made available to other compatriots through the e-mail system (members, staff of WB/IMF, and others, ….) (***Rani***).
- The flier should, if possible, be posted in the premises of Algerian businesses in the area and at the embassy (***Smail***).
- Supplies: ***Youcef*** will purchase soft drinks and water for 120 guests. Tea and coffee will also be bought. Paper and other plastic ware will be purchased if need be. ***Rani*** will first check on available supplies. Ice will also be bought.
- Cake: One large cake will be purchased by ***Youcef*** from Dahmane ($100).
- An amount of up to $500 will be allocated to cover expenses on entertainment, including a moon bounce, a clown/magician, and a lady henne.

- ***Dalila*** will check the availability of the 2 performers on the list provided by Stambouli.
- ***Smail*** will also request names of previous performers from Kader Brahimi and will contact them.
- ***Dalila and Smail*** coordinate this action.
- A raffle will be tentatively organized to the benefit of members in good standing only; the prize will be a visa gift certificate for an amount of $50 (***Lahouari***).
- Stickers with names will be provided to the members in attendance. ***Yassine*** will be contacted by ***Stambouli*** to provide the relevant stickers.
- As a courtesy, ***Rani*** will extend personal invitations to Ambassador Kherbi and Congressman Gahche.
- ***Stambouli*** will prepare two panels that will be exhibited during the event. One panel will ask for donations while the second will give information on the event and its cost.
- List of guests will be established (***Stambouli/Smail***). Volunteers will also be sought to help.

II. MOUNIB FUND STATUS

2. **The board was unanimous in its decision to transfer the remaining funds ($----) to any legal guardian of Mounib (i) in line with existing US banking and tax laws and regulations; (ii) consistent with the desire of the contributors to ensure the funds are used for the sole care of Mounib; and (iii) preserving the credibility of AAAGW.**

3. **For an orderly transfer along the above mentioned lines, the Board has decided the following:**

- A letter will be sent to Mounib' s mother in response to her own electronic mail sent September 18. This letter will explain the abovementioned. ***Rani*** will draft the letter, circulate it to Board members for review and then finalize it and e- mail it to Mounib' s mother.
- A lawyer will be contacted to request legal advice on how to proceed with the transfer to remain within the laws and regulations guiding these transfers. (***Rani***)
- ***Lahouari*** will inquire about the adequacy of the special account UGTMT that could be used in such circumstances.
- A full medical report assessing what was done so far and what needs to be done will be asked from Mayo Clinic.

4. Once all these informations are available, the Board will make a decision accordingly.

5. On the related project seeking to sending US/Algerian doctors to Algeria to perform operations on kids suffering from Spin Bifida, there is a need for clarification from Dr Stambouli: either work on this project on his own and not involve the AAAGW or work under the aegis of AAAGW but in accordance with its rules and working methods. ***Rani*** will inform Dr Stambouli on this issue and ask for his decision.

6. Ababsa is expected to perform in San Francisco in Mid-October , in response to an invitation of her cousin , Faouzi a travel agent in San Francisco.. Mounir contacted AAAGW to consider sponsoring a stop in Washington DC.

7. The sponsorship of the Washington stop would include:

- A sponsoring letter to invite Ababsa to tour the US
- Lodging for the performer and one aide
- Funding the accompanying band
- A percentage of half the profit made during the event should be allocated to the singer and her aide.
- Rent a place for the performance

8. ***Smail*** will prepare a tentative cost schedule with 3 options:

- Option 1: Performance will take place in hotel
- Option 2: Community Center will serve as a performing center
- Option 3: Casablanca will be used with a dinner show.

9. If the event is financially feasible, AAAGW will organize it in the framework of the Annual Hafla.

III. ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

A. Assets Inventory

10. The Board has decided to conduct an inventory of all assets , including the sound system. ***Stambouli*** is ready to store all assets. ***Rani*** will call Djamel Benelmoufok and other former Board members inquire about the whereabouts of some assets**.**

B. Membership

11. The Board has decided to boost membership. The following decisions have been taken:

- Establish a clear procedure that enhances coordination between Stambouli and Youcef to ensure that people who renew or take a new membership are properly recorded
- An appeal to people who have not renewed their memberships will be done by ***Rani*** using the list provided by Stambouli.
- Membership renewed starting in October will cover the year through end-December 2008. For new members in October and onward, their membership will cover the year through end-December 2009.
- Receipts will be issued to members who renew their membership and/or take a new membership.

12. With the agenda fully covered, the meeting adjourned at 2:30 pm.

Dalila Bessaha
Secretary
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