

Chinese Professional Club 2015-2016

Minutes of the Sixth Officers' and Committee Chairs' Meeting

Shanghai River Restaurant,
2407 Westheimer Road, Houston, Texas 77098.
January 23, 2016

Attendees were: Dr. Lillian Chan, Faye Chin, Anita Dawson, Betty Fong, Jack Joe, Irene Joe, Katharine Lau, Jackie Leong, Peggy Lum, Annie Mak, Allan Tang, Dr. Elizabeth Tang, Dr. James Tang

1. The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by Katharine, President.
2. The Committee gave unanimous approval of the minutes of the November 22, 2015, meeting.
3. Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Allan reported to the Committee that there is a balance of \$12,765.04 at the Amegy Bank checking account. He wrote three checks totaling around \$1,000 for gala expenses which have not yet cleared the account. Lillian made deposit to Westin Galleria for the gala in the amount of \$8,250.00 which will be reimbursed to her after the gala.
4. Jack reported that there is one new lifetime family member recruited by Peter Leung. A 2015 CPC membership list had been distributed before the meeting to all officers by email.
5. Betty reported that the CPC dinner/lecture was on December 8, 2015, at Sinh Sinh restaurant with Yuen Yee Ma and Marcus Ma presenting on financial planning. There were 36 people in attendance. Dr. Peter Chang will present a talk on "Cardiac Health" in early April, 2016, on either Wednesday or Thursday evening, exact date and place to be announced later. James will contact Peter to determine the date that he is available.
6. Anita, Chairperson for the Scholarship Committee, reported that 21 scholarship applicants were interviewed on January 2, 2016, at the Chinese Community Center. She presented her recommendations to the CPC Scholarship Fund board of trustees on January 9, 2016. It was decided that there will be 15 scholarships awarded this year totaling \$34,000. She noted that the winners included 7 boys and 8 girls, four were valedictorians of their class. Two of the recipients will be performing at the gala. Stacy Tao will perform a dance routine, and Sharon Zhou will play the cello.
7. The 62nd CPC Gala will be held on Saturday, February 13th, 2016 at the Plaza Room of the Westin Galleria (West Alabama). Jackie Leong reported that there are one platinum sponsor (Mitchell and Priscilla Lou, who donated \$100,000 for the scholarship fund and paid another \$1,000 for a table at the gala). Vican Sun is purchasing two gold tables. There are three silver sponsors at \$1,500 each, including Betty and Cecil Fong, Dr. Lillian Chan, and Annie Mak. Supporter table sponsors include Prudential (Yuen Yee and Marcus Ma), Garia Hui, Jack and Irene Joe, OCA, CADAH Foundation, Texas Teo Chew Association, Teresa Lau, and others. We received a donation of \$1,000 from Howard and Katherine Chan who cannot attend. Platinum sponsors get a full page ad or they can be purchased for \$250. Gold sponsors get one half page, and silver sponsors get one quarter page.
8. Menu tasting was done by Faye, Peggy, and Annie. The menu will consist of four courses: corn and smoked chicken soup, buttered lettuce salad, marinated pecan smoked filet mignon and spicy prawn with wild rice and asparagus, mocca and key lime pie. The cost of the meal is approximately \$71 per person.
9. Jack will get plaques for the honorees. Betty will bring the large red banner. She said that Wells Fargo will supply monkey banks for the table centerpieces. Peggy will have boxes of ceramic fortune cookies for party favors for each guest. Red envelopes will be provided at each table for the lion dancers. Setup begins at 3:00 p.m. and volunteers include Annie, Peggy, Betty, Jack, Irene, James, and Elizabeth. Lillian will contact Rogene Calvert to arrange the gala ceremony. Katharine will contact Dr. Peter Chang and Judge Theresa Chang about dignitaries who will be coming. Faye, Annie, and Peggy

will man the registration table. James will do the invocation. Press and radio releases will be done by Annie. The press will have a table set up at the back of the room with water available.

10. Raffles prizes so far include: \$950 L'auberge Package (two nights, dinner for two, golf at Contraband Bayou Golf Club), 25,000 miles on United Airlines, ten person dinner at Ocean Palace, laptop computer, \$100 membership for Asia Society, \$100 Pappas gift card, \$75 Amazon gift card, \$75 tea set, Westin Galleria weekend, two \$50 gift cards to Sushi Gin, and others. Raffle tickets will be sold in cash only for \$10 each, 3/\$25, or 10 for \$80. Last year, we made about \$3,000 from raffle sales.
11. CPC board members signed up to support the CADAH Gala at Ocean Palace Restaurant on Saturday, February 27, 2016, and the Hong Kong Association dinner at Ocean Palace Restaurant on Sunday, February 28, 2016.
12. David Cao announced by email that Terry Chen has agreed to be the next CPC president. Allan Tang agreed to continue as the treasurer. Positions of vice president and secretary are still open for nominees. The Appreciation Dinner will be on Friday, April 22, 2016, at Ocean Palace restaurant. The price will be \$15 for members and \$25 for non-members.
13. There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Faithfully submitted,
Dr. James Tang, for Terry Chen
Secretary