

Chinese Professional Club
Officers and Members Meeting Minutes
November 16, 2009

A CPC Officers and Members Meeting was called by President Garia Hui on Monday, 11/16/2009 at Dong Thanh restaurant.

Present: Garia Hui, Peggy Lum, Anita Dawson, Peter Leung, Cecil Fong, Daisy Ho, Irene Joe, Jack Joe, Beng Ho, Elizabeth Tang, James Tang, Jarvis Cheung, Gina Cheung, Linky Leung, Stephen Wong, Eric Chai

- 1) Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Garia Hui at around 8:20 p.m.
- 2) Minutes for 10/12/2009 meeting:** James Tang reviewed the minutes and they were approved. The minutes will be posted on our CPC website.
- 3) New Members:** Garia Hui welcomed two new lifetime members, Gene Woo and Claire Le.
- 4) Treasurer's Report:** Jarvis Cheung reported that the previous bank account balance was \$8,292.22 and the current bank balance is \$4,228.02. The golf tournament income was \$6,420.00 and expenses was \$4,450.31, with a net profit of \$1,969.69. The John Jung book signing event income was \$1,187.00 and expenses so far were \$805.00, with a net surplus of \$382.00. However, there may be additional expenses from the book signing.
- 5) Special Account for Scholarship Ball:** Jarvis announced that a new account has been set up at Amegy Bank strictly for scholarship ball income and expenses. That account currently has \$6,700.00 in income minus \$56.64 in stationery expenses for a total of \$6,643.36. The CPC operating account is still with Chase which has not been charging any service charges. A new operating account has also been started with Amegy but it currently has no funds.
- 6) Social Events:** Garia reported that about 70 people attended the John Jung book talk on October 19, 2009 at Don Thanh Restaurant. The next social event will be a wine tasting dinner party on Saturday, November 28, 2009, at Feng Ling Restaurant.

7) Scholarship Committee Update

Peter Leung said that the deadline for applying for the CPC scholarships was November 1, 2009. He received 21 applications which are fewer than last year, but the quality of the applicants are high. This year, no one applied for the financial aid award and no one was interested in education as a career. One or two applicants are CPC members' children. The scholarship committee is to complete the evaluation by mid December and the interviews will be on January 9, 2010 at the Chinese Community Center from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. He thinks that the lower turnout may be due to the change in the CPC website from cpchouston.com to cpchouston.net, making it harder for students to find out about the scholarship. He suggested offering fewer but larger awards for the scholarships. Exxon Mobil will be donating a \$3,000 scholarship and Shell is donating one for \$2,000 for an engineering or science student. He suggests a press release for the winners and there was other discussion about the need to reach out to more applicants. Beng Ho suggested a joint meeting with the CPC Scholarship Fund, Inc. board.

8) Scholarship Ball

Garia is resending solicitation letters to potential donors and sponsors for the scholarship ball. We have received some more donations and sponsorships since the last meeting. It has been confirmed that Mary Lynn Kallina of CenterPoint Energy will be the recipient of the Community Service Award and Charles and Viola Chien will be recipients of the Golden Service Award. Chevron Corp. was nominated to be the corporate sponsor and Eric Chai will talk to someone from Chevron about that. Jarvis Cheung was selected to be the recipient of the Young Achiever Award. Jack Joe reported that Giff Nielson had to back down as the keynote speaker due to another engagement. Daisy Ho had asked Dr. George Stancel to be the keynote speaker but he will be out of town for another speaking engagement the day before the gala and may not be back in time. Eric will contact Dr. Lawrence Chan as the possible keynote speaker. Cardiologist Dr. Ed Yeh was also mentioned as a possible candidate. Thomas Au was to be designing the invitation but he may be out of the country and not back in time to work on it. Jack Joe is to check with Philip and Chen Sun to see whether they can design the invitation for us. Philip Sun will be taking care of the program book. Peggy Lum will be coordinating the mystery boxes. Everyone is to help solicit prizes for the mystery boxes. Jack will contact Annie Mak about bringing back some

table decorations from Hong Kong. The hotel will give two complimentary rooms for the CPC's gala event, and Jack Joe suggested to offer them to Charles and Viola Chien and Loring and Mae Chien.

9) Next Meeting Date - Monday, December 14, 2009: will be devoted to planning for the gala.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Minutes submitted: James Tang, for Victoria Chin, 11/17/2009