

Hispanic American Cultural Council
March Meeting Minutes

Location: Goodwin College: 1137 Main Street, East Hartford, CT
Date: March 20, 2016
Time: 1:00 pm
Attendees: Armando Zarazu, Isabel Calione, Marleny Mesta, Fabiola Balarezo-
Esquibies, Carlos Balarezo, Michael Rios, Nancy Carranza, Elvis
Carranza, Sofia Esquibies.

President Armando Zarazu opens the meeting session at 1:38 pm.

The minutes from February's meeting are read by President Zarazu, revised and unanimously approved.

President Zarazu explains the two previous unsuccessful attempts to change the HACC check holders at Bank of America. On Monday, March 21 at 3 pm, Marleny, Felix, and President Zarazu will go to the bank again in attempt to complete the transaction.

Committees' Reports:

Arts Committee: Americo Esquibies' report sent by email is discussed. Several HACC members should go to the New Britain Art Museum at 5 pm on Thursday April 28 to choose the winners of our Art awards; President Zarazu and Americo will attend (if possible) as well as Alicia Cuervo, Nancy Carranza and Elvis Carranza. President Zarazu will donate 200 dollars for the awards. The other 200 dollars will come from HACC funds.

Education Committee: Estefani Izzi's report is read by Isabel Calione. The letters asking for Scholarship applicants were sent out to Hartford High Schools. The date of the Scholarship ceremony is discussed, and Friday June 3, 2016 is unanimously approved. The need for a Hartford PO box and a Hartford portal address is discussed. Felix offers his office address as HACC postal address. It is suggested that having both a PO box and an office address would be beneficial for HACC. The change of PO box from New Britain to Hartford is approved.

Membership Committee: Fabiola Balarezo reports she received 3 checks from current members to renew membership, and 2 checks from new members. The 2 new members will receive a message of confirmation for their membership. The 5 checks are given to the treasurer for deposit.

Publications Committee: Dr Enriquez' report and suggestions sent by email are briefly discussed.

Social Committee: Isabel Calione talked to well renowned guitar player Val Ramos to play during the Spring Dance. Following negotiations, HACC will pay 450 dollars per 1 hour of flamenco, a dancer and a singer. The money will be obtained through sponsors. A contract will be sent out. Isabel mentions that she would like something different for the Hora Loca at the Dinner Dance. She suggests Glow in the Dark sticks from the Dollar Store. Money from sponsors (50-60 dollars) will be needed for this. Nancy Carranza suggests masks. Carlos Balarezo offers to donate the masks when cost is determined.

Treasurer's report:

Marleny Mesta gave checks to Felix to be signed.

An abandoned Wells Fargo investment account is discovered. There has been a loss of 3000 dollars from an original 7000 dollars. Marleny states the risk the account can go down to 0. Apparently, there was a confusion of investment. The change of the Wells Fargo account to a CD is unanimously approved.

Old Business: No old business.

New Business: The next meeting was supposed to be held on April 17; however, several board members and Committee Presidents will be away on vacation on that date.

President Zarazu decides to schedule the next meeting for Sunday April 10 at 2 pm.

The Meeting was adjourned by President Armando Zarazu at 2:42 pm.