

SCA Filipiniana Club Board Meeting
Monday, October 28, 2019
Morris / Nelson Rooms Independence Center

Roll Call: The meeting was called to order by Manny Mallannao, President. Present were Manny Mallannao, President, Lucy Lariosa, Vice-President, Lina Gozo, Secretary, Carmelo Beley, Treasurer, Vivian Enverga, Social Chair, Marieke Samonte, Membership Chair.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of September 23, 2019 meeting was approved & accepted.

Charity Award Presentation: Before the club formal meeting, Manny welcomed the representatives from the group who are awarded the charitable donation. Vivian introduced the representatives and the group they belong. A check for \$1,500 was issued to each group, namely, Community Service Group, represented by Richard Gusicoff & Patty Verdosa; the Mary Queen of Heaven Missionaries, represented by Sister Isabel who's visiting from the Philippines; and the Annual Medical Mission represented by Fil Olegario.

Election of 2020: Vivian informed the members present that the election will be for the positions of President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary, noting that each board member can have a 2-year term; the sitting board are in their first-year term. She opened the floor for nomination for president. Kilin To & Richard Holder were nominated but both turned it down. Manny said he welcomes others to take over, we have many members who are as capable as him, he gave a brief plea for members to consider serving in the club & the members in general, & he said we need new blood. To break the impasse, Carmelo then explained it's been a common practice by the club (and maybe all SCA clubs because they want to maximize the service of the current board, the reason being the difficulty of recruiting members to serve). To facilitate the process, Carmelo asked if anybody wants to nominate or run for any of the positions. Since there were none, he asked if everybody approve the same board to be re-elected and be the new board for 2020. Without any objections, the same set of officers are to keep their position for 2020: President, Manny Mallannao, Vice President, Lucy Larissa, Treasurer, Carmelo Beley, and Secretary, Lina Gozo.

President's Report: Manny Mallannao reported that the three events sponsored by Filipiniana, Philippines Independence celebration on June 6, 2019, violin concert on August 11, 2019 and the Canadian Maritime trip on 9/27 – 10/05, were all successful. He reminded everybody they were well-thought of and required long-time planning, research & evaluation. The goal is to provide enjoyment to everybody with the best accomodations and most economical trip.

Vice President's Report: Lucy Lariosa has nothing to report this time but supports all the events and functions that the club sponsors.

Treasurer's Report: Carmelo Beley reported that the bank balance as of October 28, 2019 is \$17,978. The SCA board allows each club only \$2,000 to carry over in the new year.

As for membership fees, Manny said if member is paid up-to-date till 2019, membership fee for 2020 is waived, but if a member is delinquent, he/she must pay delinquent years thru 2019, then membership fee for 2020 is waived.

Members who are regular volunteers and club supporters of all club activities, trips, fund raising & other club functions will be recognized by invitation to our Dec 6, 2019 dinner dance free of charge.

Social Chair: Vivian Enverga reported that tickets for the Christmas party are out. Catering will be provided by Superior Catering Services, main entrée in menu is filet mignon, and for the first time, it will be open bar, wine and soda only, no hard liquor. Music will be provided by Bohol Songbirds. An additional entertainer, a clarinet & saxophone player, will play during dinnertime

Membership Chair: Marieke Samonte reported that there are 54 members who signed up from January 2019 to June 2019. Some interest can be attributed to the December 2018 club fair where Filipiniana items were displayed. As of August 2019, there are 281 members of which 177 have paid membership. If they pay their dues for 2019, they pay only \$40 instead of \$45 for the Christmas party, and also 2020 membership fee is waived. She also said we need to update the membership file with SCA card number, email and phone number.

Communication Chair: Mila Sarino was not present.

Travel and Entertainment: Planned 2020 trips are as follows:

- a. 2 Tuacahn trips
- b. 1 Southern Mississippi to New Orleans trip

New Business: Manny read Fil Olegario's forwarded email to warn residents of scams or impostors knocking on doors. The message is DO NOT open doors to strangers or unexpected visitors.

Carmelo asked who are interested to watch The Guardian documentary, a movie that exposes scams and fraud by court-assigned guardians to elders. There was enough interest. He will borrow the movie from Rana Goodman and we will notify members of details of when the showing will be scheduled.

Meeting adjourned at 11:15 am

Next meeting: Next meeting be on Thursday, January 16, 2020 10:00 AM at the Conference Room, Liberty Center.