

NEDA-DC February 14, 2024 board meeting minutes

President Nusrat called meeting to order at 8:16pm to discuss the following Agenda and one Ad Hoc agenda item

1. To finalize the Iftar menu and distribute responsibilities for NEDA-DC Iftar Fundraiser:
 - Board members Unanimously agreed to use the same last year's Crown Caterer with no change in Menu. Expected cost will be approximately \$2000 including delivery.
 - Also there were concerns about the shortage of volunteers before (for set up) and after (clean up) the event. Committee members requested Asma to announce at large "specifically asking for help before and after the event". Waqar and Shakil will contact local NEDians to help in this matter. Also, Nusrat will talk to Spanish-ladies who did serving and cleaning help last year. Assignment for BOD-members
 - Nusrat/Asma--Mutually bring Paper plates/Bowl/Cutlery/Napkins/Chafing Aluminum trays/Chafing stand/Chafing lamps/Small H2O water bottles Plus Serving spoon, table cover, percolator,
 - Shakil--Responsibility to buy one 11 pound Medjool dates, small envelopes/pens, and also he volunteered to bring one large tray of Pokora, serves about 80-100.
 - Waqar--Tea/Tea-Milk/sugar/ water for tea/percolator, and also bring 3 gallons of Rooh-Afza milk drink
 - Shafqat- will handover the sound system to Asma due his travel plan.
2. To decide the date of the Annual Picnic.
 - Board members agreed on Sunday, August 25th, 2024 if Chelum falls on August 25th then September 1st ,2024 (modified after the meeting when Asma looked at Lunar Calendar with agreement of Nusrat, Asma & Shakil).
3. Approval for upgrading of NEDA-DC website. If yes then Decide the date to attend a presentation by Website design and developer. Who will be leading the charge.
 - After a discussion, the Board agreed to spend \$700 to \$2,000 dollars to update NEDA-DC website including links to social media including Facebook, SnapChat, etc. Shafat volunteered to be a point of Contact (POC). The Website design and developer, Sean, will make a virtual presentation to Board members on Feb 21st, 2024 at 8:00pm for an hour.
4. Update on Fairfax County High Schools (Langley High School) Scholarship

- Shakil had forwarded the details about the scholarship setup at Langley High School, Fairfax county before the meeting. He updated Board members about his findings. 1 NEDA-DC board needs to set up the criteria for the stem scholarship, 2) Also need to decide whether they want to review the applicants, & 3) NEDA-DC wants four scholarships at four Fairfax county high schools or four scholarships at Fairfax County level. Board members agreed with four \$500.00 (Five hundred dollars) stem scholarships at Fairfax County level and let County decide the scholarship winner based on the Criteria given to them by NEDA-DC board.
5. To decide: Distribute minutes of the NEDA-DC Board meeting through NEDA-DC-Announcement to keep the community updated.
 - After a constructive discussion, Board members agreed to try distributing the minutes of the meeting while we are working on the NEDA-DC website. Naurat being President & Shakil, as General Secretary will respond to any questions for NEDA-DC members. Please list Nusrat and Shakil WhatsApp to contact us directly as no one can post anything on NEDA-DC-Announcement other than Admin.
 6. Ad-hoc Item. Asma, President of NEDIAN-NA, brought a proposal to host 2024 NEDIAN-NA annual regular or mini convention to DC as no one is taking responsibility for 2024 other than Toronto Chapter (But Toronto is not associated with NEDIAN-NA yet).
 - After a serious discussion, looking into manpower, arrangements, timeline, and available resources, Board members respectfully declined to the proposal of hosting 2024 mini or regular Convention.

Best wishes/Shakil Bhai & General Secretary NEDA-DC