



Bangladesh Unity Federation of Los Angeles

EC Meeting Minutes

Olympic Police Station: 1130 S. Vermont

Los Angeles, CA 90006

Sunday, January 8, 2012

2:30PM- 6:30PM

Disclaimer: Please note that the **Minutes of the Meeting** are intended for member's information and acknowledgement. These Minutes will remain open for seven days for any feedbacks, comments or corrections that is deemed necessary. All feedbacks, comments and corrections are accommodated into the **Amended Minutes of the Meeting**. The Amended Minutes of the Meeting will not accommodate any further feedbacks, comments or corrections and will be placed in the EC meeting.

Present:

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| 1. Maruf Islam | 2. Rafiqul Bhuyan | 3. Matiar Rahman |
| 4. Mohammed Haque | 5. Rafiq Alam | 6. Shafi Ahmed |
| 7. Ali Akbar | 8. Foyzu Subhan | 9. Mohammad Hamid |
| 10. Anjuman Ara | 11. Akhter Hossain | 12. Nipa Monalisa |
| 13. Shafiul Alam Babu | 14. Denny Tayyib | 15. Miah Abdul Rob |
| 16. Mahbub Khan | 17. Habib Tia | 18. Ashraf H Akbar |
| 19. Enamul Hamid | 20. Abdul Azad | 21. Saleh Kibria |
| 22. Shamsur Khan | 23. Khaleed Hossain | 24. Ismail Hossain |
| 25. Nazrul Alam | 26. Faisal Ahmed Tohin | 27. Imran Hossain |
| 28. Farhana Sayeed | 29. Nasimul Gani | 30. Imran Quyyam |
| 31. Esha Nuzhat | 32. A.S.M. Abdul | 33. Mahboob Hasan |
| 34. M. A. Hamid | 35. Tahir Miah | 36. Mohammad Pintu |

The meeting was called to order by General Secretary, Maruf Islam at 3:30PM. Maruf Islam requested President Shamsuddin Manik to preside over the meeting. Meeting started with Bangladesh and US National Anthems, and BUFLA song.

The key agenda was stated as follows:

1. Approval of last Meeting Minutes
2. Fundraising Dinner Review
3. Action Committee for Parade 2012
4. Parade Route
5. Parade Design
6. Possible dignitaries
7. Miscellaneous, open forum, and next meeting date



Unfinished Business:

1. Approval of Last Meeting Minutes

General Secretary, Maruf Islam requested the Executive Committee to approve the Meeting Minutes for the EC meeting held on November 13, 2011. Executive Committee has approved the Meeting Minutes unanimously.

New Business:

2. Fundraising Dinner Review

President, Shamsuddin Manik greeted the EC with warm New Years wishes and thanked the EC and the Cabinet for a fantastic job in the last EC meeting and Fundraising Dinner. He requested Treasurer, Akther H. Miah to provide an update on the funds available for Parade 2012. Treasurers, Akther H. Miah give a brief overview of the funds. General Secretary, Maruf Islam, presented the breakdown of the amounts pledged during the Fundraising Dinner.

A. Raising Funds

Enamul Hamid (Tarango California) recommended that the Cabinet should start collecting the amounts pledged by the EC members. This should be done promptly. He also mentioned that based on his experience funds should be collected from every possible donor instead of relying heavily on one or two big donors. Shafi Ahmed (Hotel Motel Association) also suggested that the funds should be collected promptly and every effort needs to be made.

Habib A. Tia (World Sylheti Conference) will rent a booth and magazine advertising space; in addition, to pledging at the Fundraising Dinner.

BOT, Dr. Rafiqul Bhuyan, suggested that every EC member should be responsible for raising \$1,000 for Parade 2012. The \$1,000 can be from any source: EC member or other sources outside. Ali Akbar (MUNA) and Denny Tayyab (BWOC) supported Dr. Rafiqul Bhuyan's suggestion.

Shafiul Alam Babu (Friends Club) asked the EC whether or not any grand sponsors have been found. General Secretary, Maruf Islam, answered that the Cabinet is currently in the process of getting one possible grand sponsor.

Mohammad Hamid (Khokon, Friends Club) suggested creating a strong fundraising team.

BOT, Dr. Rafiq Alam, stated that the main key goal at this point should be raising money for the parade. He pointed out that BUFLA has a strong team now but need to focus primarily on funds.

Saleh Kibria (DCI) mentioned that every year he is heavily involved in raising funds and he recommended utilizing Dr. M. A. Hashem's help (very organized and efficient in raising funds).



3. Action Committee for Parade 2012

General Secretary, Maruf Islam, stated that new action committee will be formed for Parade 2012. Everyone is free to choose which committee that they want to work for. Afterwards, the Cabinet will select additional members who are talented in certain areas to act as members of specific action committees. The action committee list will remain open for everyone in the community and not only the EC members. BUFLA will be honored to have community members and leaders volunteer as action committee members equal to each other.

A. Action Committee List 2012 (As of January 8, 2012)

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| Chief Coordinator | Shamsuddin Manik | |
| Deputy Chief Coordinator | Quazi Moshoorul Huda | |
| Fundraising | 1. Mumimul Haque Bacchu 3. M. A. Hashem 5. Denny Tayyab 7. Shafiul Alam Babu 9. AKM Toha 11. Habib A. Tia 13. Shiper Chowdhury 15. Nasir U. Jabul 16. Ilias Sikdar | 2. Zahedul Mahmud Zami 4. Mohammad Ali 6. Shafi Ahmed 8. Shamim Ahmed 10. Nazrul Alam 12. Ali Akbar 14. Matab Ahmed 17. Ali Reza |
| Seminar | 1. Akther Hossain Miah 2. Dr. Rafiq Alam 5. Omer Huda 7. Anisur Rahman | 3. Dr. Rifiquel Bhuyan 4. Tareq Babu 6. Nasimul Goni 8. Ismail Hossain |
| Souvenir Editorial Board | 1. Saleh Kibria 3. Mohammad Ali | 2. Dr. Shah Alam 4. Shafiul Alam |
| Stage, Sound, & Audience Coordination | 1. Ashraf Akbar 3. Imran Hossain 5. Monowar Hossain | 2. Faisal Ahmed Tohin 4. Mohammad Humain 6. Mohammad Santo Rahman |
| Parade | 1. Maruf Islam 3. Lt. Ziaul Islam 5. Quazi Mashoorul Huda 7. Foyzu Shubhan 9. Kondokar Alam 11. Nazrul Alam 12. Rayhan | 2. M. A. Hashem 4. Mehedi Hasan 6. Bodrul Alam Chowdhury 8. Jashim A. Ahmed 10. Mashfiq C. Koshru 13. Kanchon Chowdhury 14. Laek |



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| Cultural Program | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Anjuman Ara Sheuli 3. Nipa Monalisa 5. Nurunnabi Rolin 7. Mohammad Ali | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Farhana Sayeed 4. Kalid Hossain 6. Diluar Chowdhury 8. Mohammad Tareq |
| Dignitaries Invitation & Reception | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Shamsuddin Manik 3. Dr. Mahbub Khan 5. Dr. Rafiq Alam 7. Ret. Mj. Enamul Hamid 9. Ferdous Khan 11. Denny Tayyab 13. Muazzam Hossain 15. Mohammad Wahab 17. Mohammad Jahidul Islam 19. Shafikur Rahman 21. Masud Hasan 23. Matab Ahmed 25. Dr. Muazzam 27. Depok Mistri 29. Dr. Nazmululla | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Dr. Kali P. Chowdhury 4. Dr. Rafiqul Bhuyan 6. Dr. Sirajullah 8. Zahedul Mahmud Zami 10. Mohammad Hamid 12. Shiper Chowdhury 14. Mujib Siddique 16. Islam Talukder 18. Omar Huda 20. Enamul Haque Imran 22. Jahan Hasan 24. Dr. Prodip 26. Salek Subhan 28. Kishno Mujumder 30. Lincon Chowdhury |
| Publicity | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Quazi Mashoorul Huda 3. Shafiul Alam Babu | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Jahan Hasan 4. Maruf Islam |
| Kids, Art, & Poetry Competition | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Anjuman Ara Sheuli 3. Jesmin Khandoker Ahmed 5. Shahnag Bulbul 7. Mukit Azad 9. Farhana Easha | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Tazia Hashem 4. Nilu Ahmed 6. Monowar Bhuyan 8. Shaownar Hossain |
| Media Committee | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dr. Rafiq Alam 3. Jahan Hasan | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Mohammad Ali 4. Tapan Devnath |



4. Parade Route

Dr. Mahbub Khan stated the starting and ending points of the Parade 2012. Parade will start on 3rd St. / Vermont Ave heading west on 3rd St. Parade will end on 3rd St. /Normandie Ave. Cultural Program will be held on Alexandria Ave between 3rd St. and 4th St. (Little Bangladesh).

5. Parade Design

No discussion was done on Parade Design.

6. Miscellaneous

Farhana Sayeed (Boishaki Mela) stated that since BUFLA is such a large federation, the cabinet should attend every organizations event. This way, BUFLA will be able to increase involvement of the community member.

Esha Nuzhat (UCLA Student) felt proud that there is a federation such as BUFLA for the people of Bangladesh living in USA. She is willing to help BUFLA.

Mahboob Hasan (Associate Editor, Jugantor Newspaper, Bangladesh) was also proud of the way BUFLA Federation is organized. He also mentioned that he has not seen such a wonderful Federation in other states of the United States. He will write an article on BUFLA in the Jugantor Newspaper in Bangladesh.

Nasimul Goni (AABEA) was pleased with BUFLA and optimistic that BUFLA will achieve great heights. He also appreciated the charity donations made in Bangladesh (blanket distributions) and will be getting involved next time.

Next EC meeting will be held on Sunday, February 5, 2012 at the Olympic Police Station from 2:00 PM until 5:00PM.

Adjournment

There being no further business, it was moved, seconded, and carried that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at by the General Secretary Maruf Islam at 6:30 PM with permission of the President, Shamsuddin Manik.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maruf Islam

General Secretary

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