
BUFLA

Bangladesh Unity Federation of Los Angeles
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Minutes of the Meeting

December 3, 2006, Sunday, 2PM to 4 PM
Shatto Recreation Center, 3191 W. 4th Street, Los Angeles, CA 90020

Summary of the Mtg-Minutes:

1. About 30 people representing various different Organizations attended this meeting.
2. Nov 5 , 2006 Mtg Minutes were approved.
3. BUFLA-Logo was decided.
4. The Unity Celebration Day “Action committees” made their presentations for Bangladesh day celebration.
5. Dr. Yunus will be invited for April 1, 2007, or for any other convenient day.
6. The Mtg ended at 4:30 PM
7. Next meeting is on January 14, 2007, Sunday starting at 2 PM at Shatto.

Here are the details of the Minutes.

Attendees: (in alphabetical order):

A Hasan
Abdur Razzaque
Abul Kashem Toha
Ashraf Akbar
Emdadul Haque Bob
Farid
Habib Tia
Habibur Rahman Bhuiyan
Ishtiaq Chisti
Jamil Ahmad

Kamal Khan
Khaleed Hossain
M. A. H. Babul
M. A. Hashem
Mahbub Khan
Majib Siddiquee
Mujibur Rahman
Mushfiqur Chowdhury Khosru
Quazi Moshurul Huda
Rajon
Rocee
Saleh Kibria
Shafiq Rahman
Shah Alam
Shah Alam
Shahana Parveen
Shohel Rahman Badal (On phone from out-of-state)
Syed A. Huq
Syed M. Hossain Babu

**All 50 Organizations are listed below in alphabetical order.
16 Organizations were represented (in bold black). The Organizations in
regular Italic blue were not represented.**

1. **AABEA**
2. *Agni Bina*
3. *Ahle-Sunnah al-Jama'a*
4. *Anjumane Rahman*
5. *ASBBS*
6. **Awami League California, USA**
7. **BAC – Bangladesh Association of California**
8. *BAFA (Bangladesh Armed Forces Association)*
9. **BALA (Bangladesh Association of Los Angeles)**
10. *Bangabandhu Foundation*
11. **Bangla Pathshala**
12. *Bangladesh Academy*
13. **Bangladesh Association of Valley, LA**
14. *Bangladesh Association of Greater valley*
15. *Bangladesh Awami League, California Branch*
16. *Bangladesh California Club*
17. *Bangladesh Cultural Organization*
18. *Bangladesh in America*
19. *Bangladesh Mela*
20. **Bangladesh Physicians' Association**

21. *Bangladesh Shiksha Kendro*
22. *Bangladesh Valley Association*
23. *Bangladeshi American Democratic Party of California*
24. *Banoful*
25. *BAPAC (Bangladeshi American Political Action Committee)*
26. *Baul (Mizanur Rahman –Shaheen)*
27. **BDSAC (Bangladesh Students Association of California)**
28. *Bengal Heritage of California*
29. **BNP**
30. *Boishakhi Mela*
31. *BSLA (Bangladesh Society of Los Angeles)*
32. *BWAC (Bangladesh Women's Association of California)*
33. **California Jalalabad Association**
34. **Chittagong Association of S. CA**
35. *Christian Association*
36. **Dhaka University Alumni Association**
37. *Jalalabad Association of California*
38. **Jalshaghar Entertainment**
39. *Jatio Party*
40. *Jhumur Gushti*
41. *Khulna Society*
42. *LA-Sherrif's Advisory Committee*
43. **MUNA (Muslim Ummah of North America)**
44. *Munshiganj Bikrampur Samity*
45. **NANA (Narayanganj Association of North America)**
46. *Organization of Orange County*
47. *SABAN (South Asian Business Alliance Network)*
48. *Shishu Kishore Jagot*
49. *Tablig Jamat*
50. *Taranga (Nazrul Academy)*
51. *USBBF (US-Bangladesh Business Forum)*
52. *USBCC (US-Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce)*
53. **Uttoron**
54. *Writers' Association*

Out of the 8 Newspaper/TV Representatives, 4 were present (in bold black) at the meeting, as listed below:

1. **ATN Bangla**
2. **Channel-I**
3. **Ekush**
4. *Freelance*

5. *NTV*
6. *Thikana*
7. *News Asia*
8. **Vinnomot**

The Agenda of the meeting was as follows:

1. **Introductions by the attendees.**
2. **Approval of Nov 5 Meeting Minutes.**
3. **BUFLA Logo review.**

4. Bangladesh Day Celebration: Reports of Action Committees:

i) Parade Route determination and Venue Reservation, ii) Stage set-up and Booth setup, iii) Booth collections, iv) Inviting dignitaries v) Coordinators, vi) Program: (a) Parade, (b) Speeches by the Dignitaries, (c) Kid's Cultural Program, (d) Adults' Cultural Program, viii) Sound system, ix) Fund raising, x) Brochure, xi) Publicity (Media, Flyers etc), xii) Treasurer.

xiii) Miscellaneous: (a) Security, (b) Parking Control, (c) First Aid

5. Invitation to Dr. Yunus to LA / Southern California

6. **Next meeting date.**
7. **Close of the meeting.**

The meeting continued as follows:

Agenda Discussion:

At first the Agenda of the meeting was presented and discussed. It was unanimously approved. Then the meeting started.

Item – 1: (Introductions)

All the attendees introduced themselves individually.

Item – 2: (Nov 5, 2006 Mtg-minutes)

The November 5, 2006 Mtg-Minutes was discussed in this meeting for any errors, and then it was unanimously approved.

Item – 3: (BUFLA Logo)

Dr. Hashem presented 4 designs of the Logo. Those were reviewed by all attendees and were voted on. One design was favored by overwhelming majority. It is a circular design with Shapla flower inside along with Bangladesh flag and USA flag. Abdur Razzaque got the Logo printing done in Bangladesh, and everyone appreciated it.

Item – 6: The “Unity Celebration Day” → Bangladesh day.

Reports of Action Committees:

i) Parade Route determination and Venue Reservation

Abdur Razzaque
Emdadul Haque Bob
Ferdous Khan
Mujibur Rahman
Mohammed Ahsan

Emdadul haque Bob gave the report on behalf of the Venue committee. The 3rd street between Hobart and Kingsley is the first preference. Contacted the City Council office of District 4. The signatures of more than 50% of businesses or residents are required for the approval of road closure. Ishtiaq Chisti suggested to contact the Korean community leaders. Bob will coordinate with the Venue committee and submit a more conclusive report by Dec 15, 2006.

ii) Stage set-up and Booth setup

Abdullah Al-Mamoon
Dr. Jewel
Farid Khan
Humayun Kabir
Kamal Pasha
Lincoln Khan
Monwar Hossain
Habibur Rahman (Sawraj)

iii) Booth collections

Abul Ibrahim
Anis
Babul
Imad
Liton
Matin
Syed Abed Nipu
Tarek

Farid Khan reported on behalf of the Booth collection committee. Farid will meet with the committee members and come up with a more definitive plan for booth collection, and then submit that report by Dec 15.

iv) (a) Inviting dignitaries (b) Reception of Dignitaries. (Guests to be invited are: Governor, Mayors, Senators, Congressmen-women, City Council members, Police Chief, Sherrif, County supervisors, UC-CSU-President-Chancellor, some Hollywood stars, some local Business Executives, Bangladesh Ambassador and Consul General and their full staff, Bangladesh Prime Minister and some other Bangladesh officials, some celebrity Artists of Bangladesh, etc):

Ishtiaq Chisti
Jalil Khan
Nazmul Ula
Omar Huda
Quazi Moshurul Huda
Rafiquzzaman
Shamim Hossain
Zainul Abedin

Quazi Moshurul Huda reported on behalf of the Dignitaries-invitation committee. He will meet with the committee members and come up with a more detail plan for inviting the dignitaries, and then submit that report by Dec 15.

v) Coordinators (To coordinate all Committees):

Abul Kashem Toha
Dablu Amin
Jamil Ahmad
Mizan Shaheen
Mofazzal Hossain
Moinul Chowdhury
Mominul Haque Bachu
Mushfiqur Chowdhury Khansu
Shohel Rahman Badal
Zahangir Sayem

Mushfiqur Chowdhury Khansu reported on behalf of the Coordinators committee. He will meet with the committee members and come up with a more detail plan to interact with all committees and to extend a helping hand to all committees. Khasru will then submit that plan report by Dec 15.

vi) Program

(a) Parade: Major Hamid, Major Kutubi, Syed M. Hossain Babu
(b) Speeches by the Dignitaries: Members of the Dignitaries inviting team
(c) Cultural Program: Ali Ashraf Runu, Zahid Hossain Pintu, Dr. Hashem, Khalid Hossain, Shahana Parveen, Shanku Ice

Dr. Hashem reported on behalf of the Cultural program committee. He suggested to combine all cultural program under one committee and everyone agreed. He will meet with the members of

the cultural committee and come up with a more detail plan so that the whole community is fairly represented in the cultural program. He will then submit that plan report by Dec 15.

vii) Sound system

Jalshaghar, Jhumur Gushti

Dr. Shah Alam reported on behalf of the Sound System committee. He will meet with the Sound System committee and come up with a more detail plan and report that by Dec 15.

viii) Fund raising

Abdul Baset
Abu Hossain Manju
Ahmed kabir
Amzad Hossain
Anisur Rahman
Babu
Badiul Alam
Chinmoy Roy Chowdhury
Delshad Rahman
Dr. Moazzem Hossain
Enamul Haque Emran
Habib Ahmed Tia
Ismail Hossain
Khandakar Alam
Mafiz (Chittagong)
Majib Siddiquee
Maksudur Rahman Jewel
M. Alam
Mohammad Ali
Mohammad Hanif
Muktadir Chowdhury Tarun
Mushfiqur Chowdhury Khasru
Nazrul Islam Kanchan
Nil Kundu
Parish
Dr. Pradip Chowdhury
Serajul Islam Khukon
Shanku Ice

ix) Brochure

Quddus Khan
Yunus Rahi
Jasim Ahmed
Shamsul Islam
Mahtabuddin Tipu
Zafarullah

No one was present from the Brochure committee. One of the members is requested to please submit a detail report by Dec 15 about the Brochure plan.

x) Publicity (Media, Flyers etc.): Jahan Hasan, Bappi Barua, Shafiqur Rahman

xi) Treasurer

Badrul Chowdhury
Saleh Kibria
Shafiqur Rahman
Shah Alam (Bangla Pathshala)

xi) Miscellaneous:

- (a) Security:
- (b) Parking Control: Akhter (Sylhet)
- (c) First-Aid: Bilkis Parveen, Some Doctors

Item – 8: Invitation to Dr. Yunus to LA / Southern California

The team selected Osman Chowdhury to invite Dr. Yunus for April 1, 2007 (or for any other day as appropriate. (Osman Bhai is sick at this time, and so, the team is extending du'a for the speedy & complete recovery of Osman bhai).

Item – 11: (Next meeting Date)

The next meeting date is January 14, 2007, Sunday, from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM at Shatto Recreation Center, 3191 W. 4th Street, Los Angeles, CA 90020. (on 4th Street near Vermont).

Note: Abul Kashem Toha Bhai is going for Hajj, and so, he entertained all the attendees with sweets and Pattis. Majib Siddiquee Bhai lead a Munajat with a special du'a for his good journey to Hajj.

The meeting adjourned at about 4:30 PM.

Respectfully,

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