



Opening:

The first meeting of the Turkestanian-American Association was called to order at 20:00 on March 18, 2004 in Kwaja residence by the Association president Abdullah Kwaja.

Present:

Abdullah KWAJA
Turan AYZAZ
A. Wahid SABRI
Bahri COKLAR
Halil TURE
Farid HAKIMI
Yousef TURAN
Hassan SHARAFI
Ekrem HILAL

A. Agenda:

- + Introduction of new board members and their duties
- + The latest status of the property
- + Actions to be taken
- + Upcoming events

B. Topics covered:

- + Introduction of the new board members and the description of their duties:

Abdullah KWAJA: President
 Turan AYZAZ: Vice President – Building and property issues, relations with other federations.
 Halil TURE: Vice President – Relations with other federations, cultural events.
 A. Wahid SABRI: Vice President – Arrangements and announcements at the events.
 Ekrem HILAL: General Secretary – Documentations, correspondence, announcements.
 Bahri COKLAR: Assistant secretary – Assistance in secretarial.
 Yousef TURAN: Treasurer – All accounting, financial.
 Farid HAKIMI: President of Youth group – Social activities.
 Hassan SHARAFI: Assisting arranging social activities.

- + Information regarding the offers made for the property was shared with the board members. The current offer in the amount of \$400,000 was considered too low and unanimously decided to wait for a better offer. It was agreed that the property would be sold as is, for \$500,000 or more immediately if such offer received.
- + Board members agreed on conducting researches on all possible types of building permits that the property can get and contact the possible buyers accordingly.
- + Contacting different real estate agencies for price check.

- + Initiate a search in finding a building for the community immediately, discuss the possibilities and inform the community.
- + If there is no reasonable offer for the property, looking for possible ways of using the property to allow cash flow into the building fund by leasing the property.

C. Actions to be taken:

- + Collection of Association's belongings.
- + Obtaining donation boxes for the Association. Bahri Coklar will be responsible for bringing a sample.
- + Contacting the web master handling Association's web site and find more efficient way of benefiting from that feature. Hassan Sharafi and Ekrem Hilal will provide the needed information.
- + Search for possible office space to conduct Association related business.

D. Upcoming Events:

The followings were considered as cultural events and should be announced to the community:

- + May 14, 2004 evening – Reception given by the Turkish Federation prior to Turkish parade.
- + May 15, 2004 Turkish parade.
- + May 23, 2004 – Volunteers Park – Family picnic
- + July 11, 2004 - Morris County Park – Family picnic.
- + August 15, 2004 – Kinnelon Park – Family picnic.
- + Possible concert and/or dance performance by Uzbek artists. Date and place will be determined.

E. Agenda for the Next Meeting:

The following topics will be covered in the next meeting:

- + Meeting the boards of nearby schools to discuss the availability of a classroom to be used in providing education to the community children.
- + Discussing possible ways of fund raising.
- + Membership cards to be offered to the members of the community.
- + Building a database of all members' information, ways to collect that information.

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 22:00 by all board members. The next general meeting will be at 20:00 on April 1, 2004 in the residence of Yousef Turan.

Minutes submitted by: Ekrem Hilal
Approved by: Abdullah Kwaja