

Minutes of Nowruz Task Force Meeting of 21 February 2013
300-207 Donald St.
19:25 – 21:25

Present: Shabnam Shahfar, Forouzandeh Shemirani, Anahita Aminian, Mitra Tirandaz, Hamid Zahedi, Kourosh Doustshenas, Karim Rahimian, Khashayar Kamrouz (joined after 9:00)

Regrets: Nasser Ahmadi, Arash Gharahmadani

- Call to order: 7:25.
- Agenda approved.

Discussion Items:

Nowruz Celebration Content Timeline:

- Ms. Anahita to coordinate with Ms. Safavi who had expressed interest in helping out with the table decorations. Hamid to pass Anahita's e-mail to Ms. Safavi.
- No decorations in the hallway are required. Ms. Anahita will be looking after the Haft-sin table and reception table.
- Ms. Safavi & Ms. Anahita are to have a table with art displays
- Hamid/Khashayar to send an e-mail about the art display table + nomination + tickets, deadline to be set up to March 15.

Tickets:

- Two people from the hotel are to be in charge of receiving the ticket.
- Cash bar bar-tender cost would be waived if more than \$300 worth of drinks is sold.

Meet & Greet:

- Mohsen will look after the slide show and act as DJ
- Welcoming crew would consist of Hamid, Mitra & Khashayar
- Kourosh will accompany the minister & Mitra will accompany the CBC reporter.
- Shabnam will be the MC and would need a summary of exits/amenities. Shabnam will appear in a traditional costume associated with an Iranian province.
- Two reserved tables are needed for the guest of honour and event admin crew

Programs:

- Balloonist to start 6:30 to 7:00 or 7:30 depending if Arash's kid program is arranged. Ms Anahita could get in touch with Floyd the Clown who is the balloonist too.
- Hamid will talk to Omid about PLC students' programs. 1) Ey-Iran anthem, 2) Poem Reciting & 3) Group Dance (possibly)
- Ms Anahita to find out about face-painting too. From 8:30 to 9:30

- Arash's program to be confirmed. If Arash's program is not happening, Karim suggested that Shakila could sing a song in English and Karim could sing a song in Farsi if a musician is present. There is a possibility that Nariman will play music with them.
- Shabnam suggested a PowerPoint to go over the history of Nowruz
- 7:00-7:15 – Welcome in many languages
- The PLC Poem Recital should move to before dinner program (7:15 – 7:25)
- 8:30- 8:32 – PM Harper's speech
- 8:33- 8:38 – Mitra (President's) speech
- 8:40- 8:50 – Nowruz Speech
- 8:50- 9:00 – Guest of Honour Speech
- 9:00 – 9:05 - Community Award
- 9:05 – 9:15 – Poetry by Ms. Shemirani
- 9:15- 9:25 – PLC 3rd Program
- 9:25 – 9:55 – External Performers:
 - Ms. Shemirani to confirm if Ms. Essy is going to travel from LA to perform playing accordion. Invoice is to be provided for her services.
 - Mousa performance is not considered if Ms. Essy is coming.
 - Asham Performers are to be considered if the above performers are not available.
 - Ukrainian Dance group would be less relevant to ethno-cultural overlap but could be considered if we have shortage of performances

Other:

- Meeting was adjourned at 21:30. Next meeting March 7, 2013 at 19:00 at 207 Donald.