

MASSACHUSETTS ASIAN AMERICAN COMMISSION
State House – House Lobby
Meeting Minutes : December 16, 2008

Present: Melissa Brown, Tackey Chan, Atsuko Fish, Hung Goon, Kija Kim, Gene Hartigan, Debbie Ho, Paul Lee, Kao Li, Paul Shaw, Geoffrey Why, Tony Yee

The meeting was called to order at 12:05 PM by Tackey Chan.

Meeting Meetings:

November 17, 2008 Meeting Minutes were reviewed and approved.
Motion to approve Kija Kim, Second- Kao Li. - Motion passed 12-0

Mumbai Candlelight Vigil:

A candlelight vigil for the victims of Mumbai was organized by the AAC under the leadership of Ramesh Advani and Neelam Wali. The vigil took place on December 4 at City Hall Plaza. It was well attended with several hundred people. Other events were coordinate in Providence, RI and Worcester, MA. Thank you letters will be sent to Mayor Menino and City Hall for support of the vigil. A resolution from AAC was presented by Ramesh Advani and Neelam Wali. The Commission debated, edited and amended the resolution. The resolution will be sent to the Indian and Mumbai government.

Motion to accept resolution by Paul Shaw, Second by Kija Kim. - Motion passed 12-0.

Updates:

A focus group will be held in New Bedford. Tackey has made some preliminary contacts with city officials. Other Commissioners working on focus groups should give updates when ready.

Strategic Planning:

A planning session will be arranged for Commissioners to discuss Strategic planning objectives for fundraising, budgeting, administrative support, hiring of Executive Director and Future directions of AAC.

Annual Gala Event:

The gala is scheduled for May 15, 2009. Debbie Ho has presented some ideas for a new venue which is cost effective. Debbie is to coordinate a planning group for Gala Fundraiser.

Close of Meeting:

Motion to close the meeting made by Paul Shaw; Second by Kao Li. Motion passed 10-0

Meeting adjourned at 1:10 PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by,

Paul Shaw, Secretary