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AsiaConnect Board Meeting Minutes

Friday, May 12, 2023

- Attendance: Suejung Han, Miranda Lin, Eva Harrison, Cyndy Ruszkowski, Shengtian Wu, Shan Xie, Judi, Dongmae Li, Jeongae Kang, Lawrence Lair

Debrief Asian Heritage Celebration

- Good review for cooking demo
- Good review for movie showing.
 - Cannot do it every year because of cost restrictions. Was able to happen for free because of the Provost office.
- Tea was good event (20 people)
 - 25 registered, 20 attended. Snowed that morning.
- Library feedback: singing and dance and loud events should be in basement in the future
- Thai and Indian Dance we most well attended. Thai dance had over 100. Indian dance over 30 in attendance.
- In near future, will still be working with Normal Public Library
- Shengtian asked about video promotion.
 - Lawrence will ask UMC about possible video footage.
- Tea demo will not be coming back next year. Demonstrator is stepping away from the topic and need novelty.
- Many community members are interested, contact must be made and platform must be provided. For example: Indian Dance instructor in town.
- Idea for next year: make the game event be part of the Asian Heritage
- Library participants were very happy with the event. There was an influx of signups for AsiaConnect.
- Miranda suggests: include more songs outside just Korean.
- Contact next Media Relations person and make sure things get publicized in Identity
 - Contact UMC for publicity as well and coverage of bigger events
- Unit 5 reached out to Jeongae Kang, could be potential place to advertise too

Upcoming events

- Welcome Picnic first Friday of semester August 25th in same location (Underwood Park shelter) same format
- Remaining budget: 100 t-shirts (Sujung and Miranda are working on that) estimated \$500
 - All remaining small budget amounts will be spent on plates, cups, etc for food.
 - Remaining funds could be used on books for book club
- Suejung suggests applying for Sage fund (up to 2000 for lecturers)
 - Could invite a book author to lecture in congruence with the book club using SAGE grant

- Normal Movie Theater Adam Fox has yet to send bill. It has been communicated by Miranda that invoice needs to be sent by end of fiscal year.
- Suejung suggests wanting to have a movie club. Could be official or unofficial.
 - Could be at Steven's Hall
 - Must come from an outside budget because this is from working group budget