



AsiaConnect Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, August 2, 2023

Members Present:

- Miranda Lin Eva Harrison Lawrence Lair Chang Su-Russell
- Jeongae Kang Judi Khalilallah Suejung Han Shengtian Wu
- Laura Finan Julie Mana-ay Perez LinLin

Agenda Items

- Budget plan
- Membership fee vote
- Asian Cultural Dinner
- Welcome back potluck
- Monthly meeting events
- Asian Heritage Week

Vote for membership fees?

- Majority voted not to require fees.

Budget plan

- Budget plan provided by Miranda

AsiaConnect 2023-2024 budget		Total: 2500 from provost and 1000 from OIE=3500
Item	Budget	*does not support anti-racism working group events
1 t-shirts	820.47	
2 welcome party park rental	500 (food 400+, drinks 20 and park rental fee of 50)	
3 monthly meetings	740 (more or less than 100 per meeting)	
4 student scholarships	600	
5 Asian heritage week	500 (does not include a movie screening fee)	
6 cultural dinner	250 (up to 10 board members)	
7 host the speaker dinner	120 (if the speaker Angell Howard invites will meet with us)	

- Welcome back party on August 25th in **Fairview Park**
- Lawrence has updated the formstack survey. They will reprint the graphics with new location and remail to Miranda.
- Miranda met with Grace Brown and said we cannot sell products bought with ISU money. The t-shirt must be free. We can sell raffle tickets, but the items within must be without ISU funds.
- Suejung has received the AsiaConnect t-shirts. She will bring the whole box to the potluck
 - If wanted, members of the board, email Suejung to reserve a size
- Gift basket for raffle
 - Miranda will ask OIE and Molly from her college to add to the raffle basket
 - Lawrence asked everyone to think about something to contribute to the raffle basket

- Jeongae and Shengtian volunteer to fold the Korean paper game and/or cranes

Asian Cultural Dinner

- Asian Cultural Dinner will be part of the April Asian Heritage celebration
- Angell Howard has requested AsiaConnect approach Curtis Chin (filmmaker speaker) to supply questions and prompts for the Asian Cultural Dinner
 - Angell has committed to pay most of the expenses, and Miranda has offered to perhaps host him in a separate thank you dinner.
 - Email to Angell from Curtis:

- Dear Angell,
Great meeting you at NCORE. I hope you had a great time, as much as I did!

As I mentioned, my memoir, "Everything I Learned, I Learned in a Chinese Restaurant," comes out this fall. (Publishers' Weekly just named it a Top 10 memoir for the fall!) I'm currently organizing a book tour and would love to visit your campus. Please let me know if you're interested and we can discuss dates and budget. I am booked for Urbana Champaign on April 2, 2024. I could easily swing by your school then.

I have included some info here, but if you need more, check my website: curtisfromdetroit.com. On there, I have also included a link to my film, "Vincent Who?" It's a 40-minute documentary on the Vincent Chin murder case and the development of the Asian American political movement. I have screened that film at over 500 schools in 16 countries. I look forward to hearing from you soon!

Curtis

EVERYTHING I LEARNED, I LEARNED IN A CHINESE RESTAURANT

From filmmaker and co-founder of the Asian American Writers' Workshop, Curtis Chin's memoir about coming of age and coming out traces the author's journey through 1980's Detroit as he navigated rising xenophobia, the AIDS epidemic, and the Reagan Revolution to find his voice as a writer and activist — all set against the backdrop of his family's popular Chinese restaurant. The book will be published by Little, Brown in the fall of 2023.

CURTIS CHIN

A co-founder of the Asian American Writers' Workshop in New York City, Curtis Chin served as the non-profits' first Executive Director. He went on to write for network and cable television before transitioning to social justice documentaries. Chin has screened his films at over 600 venues in sixteen countries. He has written for CNN, Bon Appetit and the Emancipator/Boston Globe. A graduate of the University of Michigan, Chin has received awards from ABC/Disney Television, New York Foundation for the Arts, National Endowment for the Arts, and more. His memoir, "Everything I Learned, I Learned in a Chinese Restaurant" will be

published by Little, Brown in Fall 2023. He's currently writing projects for PBS and Warner Bros. and his essay in Bon Appetit was just selected for Best Food Writing in America 2023.

Welcome Back Potluck

- Now at Fairview park (200 person occupancy)
- Shengtian, Lin Lin, Chang, and Laura will help cleanup.
- Eva, Jeongae, Julie, and Sujung will help with early prep
- Miranda has the games from last year
- Suejung has the retractable banner and tablecloth
- Lawrence will email Molly Hartup with the invite
- Miranda will send invite to every college dean plus Tarhule
- Community members are welcome

Monthly meeting events

- Julie and her committee will meet and figure a recurring date for events in time to announce for the potluck
 - Julie will reach out to contacts to present event activity
 - Julie has talked to APAC and they voiced interest in getting more involved
 - She will reach out to board members to organize a few of the monthly meetings
- Lawrence proposed we stick with fourth Fridays. Confirmed.
- Jeongae requested we do board games again
 - Miranda will invite mahjong students again

Asian heritage week

- Indian dance will be back
- Miranda asked about cooking demo volunteers
 - Miranda will reach out to Thuyen about Vietnamese cooking
 - Suejung's friend works for Vietnamese restaurant and she could be willing to provide both time and ingredients