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Meeting Agenda

Unity Dinner Subcommittee Meeting
Tuesday, March 11, 2025, 6:00 - 7:00 PM
Zoom link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88390600771?pwd=TUKAjnOCbEsc4yZ5NUop0bZN0cbbeN.1>

The meeting will be held via teleconference in compliance with the Governor's Executive Order on the Open Meeting Law

Commissioners in Attendance: Moana Bentin, Jennifer Rubin, Emma Chen-Banas (joined 6:22 PM)

Staff In Attendance: Lizette Sta. Maria, Leela Ramachandran, Yasmin Padamsee Forbes

Attachments:

- Ticket Sale Tracker
- Notes on Filipino & Korean dance performances
- Unity Dinner Tasks

1. Call to Order (2 mins)

- a. Moana Bentin calls the meeting to order 6:03 PM.

2. Sponsorships Update - Yasmin (5 mins)

- a. Decided on an April 25th deadline for sponsors to share the names of people claiming seats they're allocated. Then, reallocate unclaimed tickets to community members for free and consider people who attended listening sessions.

3. Ticket Sales Update - Leela/Lizette (5 mins)

- a. Remove sponsor seats (26) from Stronger Together allocation

4. Performances Update (15 mins)

Yasmin shared that the rates should include all their costs as a lump sum, rather than reimbursing individuals.

- a. Bhangra Dance group - Rakashi
 - i. Interested in attending - will give final headcount by Thursday
 - ii. All girls group, \$150 per dancer
- b. Filipino Traditional Dance - Lizette
 - i. Lizette shared a few options the group we reached out to shared with us. Commissioners expressed an interest in pursuing the alumni group option given complications with a performance group that consists of minors.
- c. Korean Traditional Dance - Lizette



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- i. Commissioners expressed an interest in following up with the group for one dance for 5-7 minutes.
 - d. Pacific Islander performance - Moana
 - e. Performer cancelled recently. Commissioner Bentin will ask her contact about a Samoan performer.
- 5. Additional Topics/Open Discussion (30 mins)
 - a. Early bird tickets for Commissioners - we can grant that one person an early bird rate
 - b. DJ: Commissioner Jennifer has a lead.
 - c. Reviewed timeline:
 - i. Still waiting on one award recipient to reply
 - d. Yasmin asking for special rate for hotel rooms
- 6. Clarify Actionable Next Steps (3 mins)
 - a. Possibly reallocate tickets to other ticket types closer to event date
 - b. Discuss the program at next subcommittee meeting.

The meeting is adjourned at 7:03.



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