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Meeting Notes

Unity Dinner Subcommittee Meeting
Monday, November 4, 2024, 12:00 - 1:00 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

In attendance: Lizette Sta. Maria, Jennifer Best, Moana Bentin, Rakashi Chand, Yasmin Padamsee Forbes

Attachments:

- Eventbrite Banner
- Unity Dinner Timeline

1. Call to Order (2 mins)

Subcommittee Chair Moana Bentin calls the meeting to order at 12:03 PM.

Yasmin Padamsee Forbes joins at 12:03 PM.

2. Present Visual Theme (3 mins)

Lizette Sta. Maria presents the visual theme, which highlights building bridges and bringing together different cultures.

3. Update on Keynote Speaker (5 mins)

Lizette Sta. Maria provides an update on keynote speakers. The initial request to Mayor Wu was not responded to. Commissioner Bentin suggests waiting for a little bit past the election before moving to another option.

4. Update on Awards (5 mins)

Jennifer Best gives an update that the awards deadline has passed. We have received some donations. The awards working group will be meeting next Wednesday 11/13 to discuss the awards nominees.

Moana Bentin requests having more Commissioners to review the nominees.

Yasmin Padamsee Forbes suggests having outsiders review the nominees.

Moana Bentin would like to invite the Executive Committee or at least two other Commissioners to review the nominees.



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5. Update on Sponsorships (10 mins)

Yasmin Padamsee Forbes has not had time to do additional work on sponsorships since the last meeting.

A google form would need to be created.

6. Present Unity Dinner Timeline (10 mins)

Lizette Sta. Maria presents the Unity Dinner Timeline. If any edits need to be made, please inform Lizette.

7. Clarify Actionable Next Steps (5 mins)

- Confirm 2 more Commissioners or the EC to participate in the awards nomination process.
- By 11/15, confirm Michelle Wu as keynote speaker.
- By 11/29, everyone engage with at least one sponsor.

The meeting is adjourned at 12:27 PM.



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