

Meeting Minutes of the Board of Directors;

Thurs., August 12th, 2010 in Winnipeg at 285 Pembina Hwy

The meeting was called into order at 7:45 pm.

All members of the Board were present at the meeting, except Ms. Mazloumi due to loss of her brother.

The current meeting's agenda was accepted by the present members.

The minutes of the last meeting of August 5th was accepted by present members.

Communications and Correspondence:

All members were agreed that the last Sunday's picnic was a big success. During the picnic Mr. Ghavami showed interest in participating in upcoming Mehregan celebration. Another two people (Forough and Mahmoud) were interested in cooperating with our website design, and Mr. Shaeri is supposed to follow up with this.

Committees' Reports:

PLC:

Mr. Kamrouz reported about the Persian Language Classes orientation and registration day for new students, which was held on August 11 with Mr. Kermani's presence. There was a welcome speech from the Chair and a brief report about PLC activities in the past by Ms. Shooshtari as the PLC principal. It was announced that PLC have Received approval of the classes to be held at Kelvin High School, on Saturdays, between the hours of 11am and 2pm form the Winnipeg School Division. The location and the day are certain but the final approval for class hours will be determined by the end of August. Ms. Shooshtari will follow up with this matter.

Finally, new parents and students are entertained by the committee members. Registration was in the last hour with total of 7 new students being registered. It was announced that PLC is looking for more volunteers assisting with growing demands, such as teachers, teacher assistants, and people who can contribute in art and cultural education. Classes will start on Saturday September 11, 2010.

A motion was made by Mr. Kermani to assign Mr. Doustshenas as Persian Language Classes' Vice Chair. This position requires him to follow the PLC matters closely and to substitute in case the Chair is absent. Seconded by Mr. Azizkhani; 6 Approved, 0 Opposed, and 0 Abstained; **Motion carried.**

It was reiterated that it is the responsibility of the committee Chairs to follow ICM's policy of making sure all committee members as well as volunteers are ICM members.

Mr. Kamrouz is supposed to amend PLC's Terms of Reference and change the frequency of committee meetings from "Sundays between 2 to 4pm" to "during classes".

There are questions by parents regarding the legitimacy of the receipts handed over to them at registration in order to be claimed for tax deductions. Mr. Azizkhani is volunteered to investigate about it, and Mr. Saleh-Azad is volunteered to design and present ICM generic invoices by September. Moreover, ICM is not able to provide receipts for donations since it is not officially registered as a charity organization.

Sports:

Mr. Azizkhani has missed 1 soccer games due to personal reasons, but the players have been using the gym regularly on Sunday mornings. There will be a meeting between Sports Committee members soon to discuss the gym's next booking and other issues regarding its questionnaire form. Mr. Saleh-Azad mentioned that this form needs to be conclusive with the costs being clearly noted, so that people know whether they can afford it or not. He volunteered to modify the form. As soon as the form is ready, it has to be emailed to ICM list. Jerseys' order is still on hold waiting for the ICM's logo to be finalized by mid-September.

During the Sunday picnic, Arman with some university students mentioned that they are planning to form a team as Iranian League to compete with others.

Events:

No report due to Ms. Mazloumi's absence. There will be a meeting as soon as Ms. Mazloumi is ready.

Membership:

There were total of 5 people who became new ICM members, all paid except one. Mr. Kermani will follow up with that.

A motion was made by Mr. Kermani to host a meeting on Sunday Sept. 12th from 2 to 5 pm. This will be an open house for all committees to attend for an open discussion regarding the ways to improve ICM's operations, and how to increase the membership. The location of this meeting will be determined later. Seconded by Mr. Kamrouz; 6 Approved, 0 Opposed, and 0 Abstained;
Motion carried.

Settlement:

There will be a meeting next week with the date and location to be determined later. The main task would be to study the "First Steps" pamphlet prepared by Welcome Place and try to modify, and get it ready to be posted on ICM's website.

Art, Culture, and Education:

There will be a meeting next week with the list of people attending, location and date to be announced later.

NEW Business:

Mr. Azizkhani opened a discussion regarding all policies and motions approved in the previous Board meetings, especially, a motion dealing with announcing memorials to ICM's email list, and he is planning to make a motion to ratify them all. Mr. Saleh-Azad argued that the above policies need to be documented so that the new Board of directors can study them and make a decision. In this regard, Mr. Doustshenas added that the above mentioned policies were mostly implied and unclear and need to be organized. Mr. Doustshenas were given a few weeks to organize the previous Board's policies and present them in a documented format for the Board to approve.

Regarding the ICM's email announcements in emergency situations, Mr. Saleh-Azad suggested for the ICM to have an emergency meeting within 48 hours to make a decision rather than phone conversations. Mr. Kermani is also talked about the importance of having a newsletter for the ICM to be posted on the website and resolve all these public announcement issues.

A motion was made by Mr. Saleh-Azad to appoint Mr. Kamrouz being in charge of the ICM's communication matters, specifically, checking emails received and forwarding all final draft form

the Board or committees to ICM's email list. Seconded by Mr. Kermani; 6 Approved, 0 Opposed, and 0 Abstained; **Motion carried.**

There was a discussion about the idea of purchasing a tape recorder in order to record the Board's meetings and writing the notes down at a later time so that Mr. Kamrouz as a Board member would be able to participate in discussions. This idea is rejected due to its legal and safeguarding complications, and it was decided that if it becomes a real issue then a secretary might be hired to take over this job.

A motion was made by Mr. Kermani that in all ICM's events, tickets will be non-refundable, and it must be noted in all ICM's communications and emails. Seconded by Mr. Saleh-Azad; 6 Approved, 0 Opposed, and 0 Abstained; **Motion carried.**

Mr. Kermani provided another alternative location, in addition to the Eagles Club, for the Mehregan celebration being at "Fort Garry Mennonite Brethren Church", which was rejected by the Board due to the nature of our event.

A motion was made by Mr. Saleh-Azad for Mr. Kermani to apply for membership at Eagles Club at St. Norbert either on behalf of ICM or his own name, in order for ICM to have its Mehregan celebration at this location at lower rate on Oct. 2nd, 2010. Seconded by Mr. Azizkhani; 6 Approved, 0 Opposed, and 0 Abstained; **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Mr. Saleh-Azad for the ICM emails that are going out to the public, to be sent on behalf of ICM and not personal names. Seconded by Mr. Kamrouz; 6 Approved, 0 Opposed, and 0 Abstained; **Motion carried.**

The next meeting will be held on Thursday Aug. 26th at 7:30 pm at 285 Pembina Hwy.

The above meeting was adjourned around 11:10 pm.