



FORT McMURRAY BRANCH

Wednesday, January 20, 2010

Location: Room 230 Bob Lamb Centre

Present: Maha Al-Khalidi, Aldous Walters, Joseph Amalraj, Jacob Oommachan, Malcolm Edirisinghe, Jey Kumar, Wayne Kosik, Sanil Sivarajan, Deepak Verg, Sarah Vandaiyar, Aditya Nookala, Mohandas Prasad

Regret: Kimberley Mervyn, Christian West, John Huntley

Absent:

(Minutes recorded by Aldous Walters)

MINUTES

Meeting called to order by Branch Chair, Joseph at 19:00 hr.

1. **Agenda Review**
Motion made to accept the agenda was moved by Jacob and seconded by Malcolm.
2. **Review and approve minutes of last meeting**
Motion made to accept the agenda was moved by Jacob and seconded by Malcolm.
3. **Business arising out of previous meeting minutes**
 - a. Nomination of new members at large: Deepak Verg, Sarah Vandaiyar, Aditya Nookala. Moved by Jacob and seconded by Malcolm; unanimously passed.
4. **Review Action Log**
 - a. None
5. **Reports**
 - a. **Chair's Report**
Presented by Joseph:
-February 3, 2010 is the president's visit and requires 6 volunteers. Heard from 3 and waiting for 3 more. 160 new inductees, and of these unclear as to how many attending. A response for the luncheon with the President must be sent by 12:00pm. Extending the invitation to the newly elected 3 members at large to attend luncheon with the President was moved by Jey and seconded by Wayne; unanimously passed.
 - b. **Treasurer's Report**
Presented by Jey:

-Waiting for bank's response about change to the treasurer. Apparently acknowledgement has not been given.

c. Outreach Co-ordinator

Presented by Wayne:

- Science Olympics will be held. Schools will be informed.
- presented examples of non-denominational graces.

6. Review or Update on Upcoming Events

a. President's Visit:

- Kim is unable to attend planning meeting.
- Sanil is making dinner arrangements with the Sawridge.
- Service is being checked.
- Menu has been selected; it will be a buffet.

b. Badminton Tournament:

Jacob informed that it will be held the 1st week of March. Flyer is to be issued.

c. Table Tennis Tournament:

Henry informed that flyer is to be issued.

d. Student Awards:

Kim Farwell informed that she is the signing authority for the Student award, which is given to the top Math and Science students in Grade 9 and 10 from the interests of the Showcase fund of \$5000. The award has been increased in the previous years but no action was put in place to increase the capital amount of \$5000, Need a volunteer to administer it. Proposed a Joneson Chiang Memorial Award, which was moved by Wayne and seconded by Jacob; unanimously passed, and the criteria/ details to be finalized by the summer. Suggestion to raise the amount of the awards, as they are very small. Wayne moved to have a comedy night open to the community in order to increase the available Showcase Fund, seconded by Maha; unanimously passed.

7. New Business

a. Technical Seminar:

Joint technical talk with the CIM to be held February 24, 2010. Sanil reserved a room at the Sawridge. Jey is the main contact.

8. Around the Table

-regrets given by Wayne Kosik for the next meeting.

Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, February 23, 2010.

Adjournment: 20:45 hr