

APIC Business Meeting Sunday, February 21, 2005

Twenty-one people attended.

Manish opened with a centering prayer then moved into an organizational overview. Karen Eng told the history of APIC.

Manish asked for donations to the APIC Pastoral Care Program and directed those donations be sent directly to our treasurer.

Sharmila recognized Jennifer Ryu & Karen Eng for organizing this year's annual meeting.

Jennifer thanked the worship leaders (Leslie, Catie, Katherine) for their wonderful Sunday service. And Karen spoke about the emotional significance of having this event at her home church.

Manish opened the elections by asking for nominations from the floor. Catie Chi Olsen was nominated as Secretary and David Yamashita was nominated as DRUUMM Liaison.

VOTE: Since no one stepped forward for the Youth & Young Adult position, the community voted that the Steering Committee would fill that open position. All approved.

VOTE: Manish moved that the two new Steering Committee members be approved. All approved.

A/PIC Steering Committee

2005-2006

- Chair: [Manish Mishra](#), All Souls Church, Washington, DC
 - term ends Feb,2006
- Vice Chair: [Jennifer Ryu](#), Mt. Diablo UU Church, CA
 - term ends Feb,2007*
- Secretary: [Catie Chi Olson](#), White Bear UU Church, MN
 - term ends Feb 2007
- Treasurer: [Catherine Chang](#), All Souls Church, Washington, DC
 - term ends Feb 2006
- Member-at-large (Communication): [Kok HeongMcNaughton](#), Unitarian Church of Los Alamos, NM
 - term ends Feb 2006
- Member-at-large (GA Programming): [Leslie Takahashi-Morris](#), Thomas Jefferson Memorial Church UU, VA

- term ends Feb,2006
- Member-at-large (DRUUMM/UUA Liaison): [David Yamashita](#), UU Congregation of Atlanta, GA
 - term ends Feb, 2006
- Member-at-large (Youth/YA Representative): [Sharmila Khare](#), 1st Unitarian Congregation of Ottawa, Canada
 - term ends Feb, 2006

*We explained that the Vice Chair position was created in Feb 2004, but the by-laws state that this position will be elected in odd-numbered years for a 2-year term. Jennifer has agreed to stay for another year. All Approved.

WHAT WE LIKE ABOUT APIC

- ❖ General Assembly programming has been top quality! They have been collaborative and appeal to large audiences.
- ❖ Annual Meetings
- ❖ Covenant Groups Online
- ❖ Online Chats
- ❖ Yahoo Group (organization)
- ❖ Downtime during meetings (and lots of food)
- ❖ Our association with DRUUMM

REPORT FROM OUR TREASURER

- ❖ We get funds from the UUA (ID-based M & UFP) plus merchandise sales.
- ❖ 2007 will mark the end of the UFP money.
- ❖ We need to work NOW to find new money sources.
- ❖ We should go for more money from Tracy Robinson-Harris, Director of Congregational Services, trobinson@ uuu.org

LOOKING FORWARD

- ❖ 2006 General Assembly-update by Leslie
 - there will be a panel discussion on transnational adoption
 - there will be a closed forum for YaYA on this topic.
 - there will be a discussion about DRUUMM (what is it, what do they do)
 - Professional exhibit of photos of multi-cultural families (thank Vivien)
 - Aimee brought up the Tsunami infants who are being swept up by foreign adoption agencies. Hoping that topic will be brought up at GA.
 - ACTION: Manish will ask UUA if they are going to bring up that particular topic. If not, APIC will do something.
 - Leslie said there is an extra time slot—perhaps we could do a DRUUMM banquet.
 - ACTION: Joseph will contact Elandria @DRUUMM and Sharmila will help with the banquet idea.
 - Tina's contract with Identity-Based Ministries office continues into June to help Leslie with GA planning & coordination.

VISIONING-WHO ARE WE AND WHAT DO WE WANT TO DO?

Manish led a brainstorming session:

- Someone asked about the connection with Canadian Unitarians.
 - ACTION: Sharmila will find out more about how we can strengthen this connection.
- Publicity & Promotion
 - ACTION: Diana & KokHeong will publish brochure.
 - ACTION: KokHeong will publish a bimonthly newsletter
 - Leslie suggested more of our reflections, sermons, etc. to be published on our website.
 - ACTION: Manish, Karen & Kim V. will write what has been the oral history of the beginning of APIC
 - Kevin H. suggested that as we organize the regional POC groups, we post those activities to the website.
 - Leslie suggested that we post the Multi-Cultural Family Resource Guide as soon as it is released by the UUA.
- Strengthen Regional activity
 - The main emphasis of the Annual Meeting should be to develop and strengthen leadership skills so that we can go back to our home congregations and build up Regional groups.
 - Joseph reported that the New York Metro group was the first regional UU People of Color (POC) group to organize. They advertised it as a DRUUMM group and one person, thinking it was a drumming circle, actually showed up with a drum to their first meeting!
 - ACTION: Sharmila will organize a group in D.C.
 - ACTION: Catie will organize a group in Prairie Star
 - ACTION: KokHeong will continue her work in Mountain Desert
 - ACTION: Lee & Vivien will organize in the Southern Calif. area.
- Finances
 - Mollie suggested that we ask either for membership dues or for donations to support our programs. She pointed out the fact that we've never asked for money.
 - ACTION: Mollie & Jennifer will work together to review the membership clause in the bylaws and to propose the establishment of a stewardship program.
 - Kevin H. suggested that whenever we do programs in congregations, we always pass the plate and ask for donations.

NEXT ANNUAL MEETING

David Yamashita agreed to head up the 2006 APIC meeting at his congregation in Atlanta, Georgia. Vivien volunteered to help him. The date will be February 17, 18, 19, 2006. Possible theme is the collaboration between various POC communities around civil rights.

Sharon H-C. noted that this weekend is always the Day of Remembrance for Japanese Internment, and that many people of Asian descent will be busy that weekend. After

discussion, we decided to go ahead with this weekend. We will continue to commemorate this day during our meeting as we did this year and last year.

NEXT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Manish reminded us that as soon as GA2005 is over, it is soon time to start planning for GA2006. We will need a new GA liaison by then. Some ideas for programming included:

- Queer API
- language discrimination
- internalized oppression (programming for the POC community)
- Arab American

Submitted by Jennifer Ryu, February 28, 2005