# **OOSYAK GEE LU SOCIETY Quarterly BOARD MEETING**

Sunday, July 15, 2007 Hee Hing Chinese Restaurant

## **CALLED TO ORDER**

President Kenneth Chang called the meeting to order at \_\_11:03\_\_ a.m. There were \_19\_Officers and Directors in attendance. From the General Membership there were \_17\_members present.

# **SECRETARY'S MINUTES**

Minutes from the April 15, 2007 meeting were read and approved.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

Daryl reported that as of June 30, 2007, there was a total of \$xxxxx in total cash and investments. Gains from stocks offset the losses of some stocks. All rental units are rented with an increase in rent.

### OFFICER'S REPORT

- 1. There would be a donation of \$500.00 to Palolo Chinese Home. (Moved by Donna and seconded by Shirleen. Passed with a voice vote.)
- 2. Spendor of China (October 6 & 7, 2007) correspondence was shared. There will be a \$200.00 donation to the Chamber for the Narcissis Festival. Anyone wanting tickets to the Splendor of China, would call Connie or Ken. (A motion was proposed and seconded and voted on.)
- 3. Information was shared about the Sam Heong/ Oo Syak Delegation Reception for 29 members of the delegation.
- 4. Information about the annual Congress of Chinese Societies picnic (August 5, 2007) was shared. Oo Syak paid for 18 tickets. Tickets would be passed out on the day of the picnic.
- 5. Information about a trip to China (October 9-21, 2007) sponsored by the United Chinese Society to honor the Chinese Mother and Father of the Year was announced. See President for flyer, if interested.

# STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Budget & Assets Management

Harold talked about paper profits and shares of Citigroup and Chevron. There is no need to sell stocks because they are going up.

- 2. Public Relations & Membership Committee
- a. Jamie announced the latest newsletter was mailed out and there was only 1 return (Julia Yang). Donna says Julia's name should be removed because Donna has seen Julia homeless on the streets.
  - b. Nancy Chang is recovering from surgery.
- c. Director of Tourism in China is looking for Hawaii relatives. Article was in the newsletter. Let Jamie or Connie know if you have any information.
- d. Four scholarships were awarded. Names are in the newsletter. At the annual Scholarship dinner, the scholars and judges sat together.
  - e. We are also looking for old pictures of Oo Syak village to help Homer Chang

and his book. (Article is in the current newsletter.)

3. Annual Banquet

Connie announced that 44 tables were sold and we have closed the restaurant for the annual banquet celebration on August 11, 2007.

# **Special Committee Report**

This and That Committee.

Alvin Chang presented the 3 questions for discussions and the proposals. There was much discussion as to the wording of some of the proposals.

Suggestions/ Recommendations:

- 1. Questions should go to the committee that it concerns instead of creating a new committee.
- 2. The questions and proposals should be in writing for the BOD to see.
- 3. Each item of the proposals should be voted on separately.

(Duane made a motion to send to committee and Roy seconded. Ayes=14. Abstain or Nays=5.)

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

BOD Approval of ByLaws Recommendations:

- 1. **Article VI, Section3. Vice Presidents.** Vice-Presidents shall support the President in maintaining order in the meeting and assure that members remain on topic. (It was moved and seconded, discussed and voted on: 15 ayes, 0 nays, 3 abstain to approve.)
- 2. **Article VII, Section 1. Board of Directors.** The Immediate Past President shall be an ex-officio voting Director and shall hold office until the expiration of the current President's term.

(Ed made the motion, Millie seconded. It was discussed and voted: 15 ayes, 0 nays, 3 abstain to approve.)

3. **Article VII, Section 3. Meetings.** Meetings of the Board of Directors are open to the membership. Only the Board can vote during these meetings. The membership can give their opinions only after being recognized by the President. Once recognized, the member is allowed no more than two minutes to speak. Each member can be recognized no more than two times on a subject. Special meetings of the Board shall be closed to the membership.

(Ed made a motion to NOT approved this recommendation. Harold seconded. A discussion and vote followed. It was voted to NOT approve this recommendation. 11 aves, 0 nays, 7 abstain)

4. Article VII, Section 7 (added) Honorary Director. An Honorary Director is a

member who has been recognized as a benefactor to the Society through outstanding services, such as serving as an officer or director. This award is the highest that the Society bestows. An Officer or Director shall make nominations for Honorary Director. An application, verbal or written, must be presented to the Board for consideration who may then elect the Honorary Director by a majority vote. This nonvoting position award is presented for the life of the individual. There shall be no more than one award per year. (Ed motioned, Shirleen seconded. Vote was 15 ayes to approve, 0 oppose.)

5. Article VII, Section 8 (added) Attendance. Any Officer or Director who has an unexcused absence from two Board of Directors meeting in a calendar year cannot be nominated for any office of the Society for the following year.

(A discussion followed about the word "unexcused". It was moved by Roy and seconded by Donna to table and send back to the Bylaws committee. Vote: 13 ayes, 0 nays, 5 abstain in agreement with the motion.)

# 6. Article XI, Section 1. Standing Committees.

(changes to names)

- b. change Budget and Asset Management to read "Financial Committee"
- c. Delete the word "welfare" to read Public Relations and Membership Committee
- d. Delete the word "annual" to read Banquet and Events Committee

(Ed made a motion. Chris seconded. Vote: 16 ayes, 0 nays, 2 abstain to approve name change.)

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

1. A thank you card from Gertrude Yee was shared by the President.

**ADJOURNMENT:** 12:10pm

Respectfully Submitted:

Connie Mark English Secretary