

A meeting of the Global Troy Advisory Committee was held on August 11, 2021 in the Council Boardroom located at 500 W. Big Beaver, Troy, MI 48084. in compliance with physical-place and physical-presence requirements of the Open Meetings Act in order to allow electronic meetings.

1.) Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m.

2.) Roll Call

Present: **Lisa Bica-Grodsky
MiVida Burrus
Awni Fakhoury
Nas Mohideen
Daniela Natcheva
Sharanya Swaminathan (Student Representative)
Suneel Sekhri**

Absent: **Ethan Baker
Allison Liu (Student Representative)
Carolina Noguez Ortiz
Tom Zhou**

Also present: **Sarah Ames, Staff Liaison / Recording Secretary**

3.) Consent Agenda

A. Minutes from the June 9, 2021 Regular Meeting

Resolution # GT – 2021-8-01

Moved by: Awni Fakhoury
Seconded by: Nas Mohideen

RESOLVED, that the Minutes of the June 9, 2021 meeting be approved as amended.

Yeas: - 6 -
Nays: None
Absent: - 3 -

4.) Regular Business

A. Rules of procedures for GTAC

Staff Liaison Ames announced that the group was no longer going to be utilizing the GTAC email and voicemail for public comment. Meetings are in person. We should make a commitment to wear masks during meetings.

The group made the decision to wear masks in-person meetings to protect the the health, safety, and comfort of each individual member.

B. International Day Event update

Committee Member Bica Grodsky gave an overview of the performers that are going on and needed information from groups.

Student Representative Swaminathan noted she will reach out to Elise to confirm with the country fiddlers group leader that they will participate in the International Day event.

Committee Member Bica Grodsky said the International Day performances will be in a tent unless the Covid situation changes. If something changes they will have a mobile stage. She also mentioned that someone needs to do tables for groups (dance groups and performers)

Committee Member Natcheva said she would manage this with Committee Member Mohideen's help.

Committee Member Bica Grodsky said we have to be careful when looking for people to do these tables because people that aren't politically charged focuses.

Committee Member Sekhri we should stay focused on International Day and be careful to only invite performers so that we don't get into political issues. He mentioned that GTAC should be clear that we are opening the tables but we are picking people that aren't focused on political issues.

Committee Member Fakhoury asked if food can be allowed at the tables.

Committee Member Bica Grodsky noted that there will be no food allowed. Non-edible handouts only unless they are individually wrapped candies.

Committee Member Sekhri asked for the list and contacts for performers so he can manage the stage.

Committee Member Bica Grodsky asked Committee Member Burrus to MC but she won't be in the area on September 19th, Committee Member Bica Grodsky is going to ask Student Representative Liu for help.

Those who are interested in working with the International Day subcommittee can use the signup genius to sign up which can be found on Troy Family Daze website.

C. Develop a 3-year plan of alternating, highlighted events each year

Committee Member Sehkri we should hold certain things every year

Committee Member Burrus noted that it is up to the group members to pick the events that they identify and would like to celebrate from their culture to highlight what resonates and what is important for each one of us.

Committee Member Burrus noted that we can scale back events every few years. For instance, Awni can have an event in February where I have BHM that we can still focus on but doing something smaller.

We can reshare things from the past to highlight the events as well so that we can still highlight but don't have to be focusing on a huge event.

Staff Liaison Ames printed out the list of events that she has previously compiled. The group will look at the list, add events, and then next meeting (September 8, 2021) we will compile a list of focused events.

D. Other Business

Committee Member Natcheva discussed the need for a GTAC budget.

Staff Liaison Ames noted that the group has a budget that started July 2021 and that the group would have discussed the way the group would like to want to spend the money in the last meeting but we didn't have a quorum.

Committee Member Natcheva emphasized that the group should spend the money on the International Day Event performers.

Committee Member Burrus noted that she would prefer to spend it on the GTAC group, the t-shirts, events, etc. because she believes Troy Daze has the money to support the performers.

The group decided to buy T-shirts.

Committee Member Bica-Grodsky recommended utilizing OCTEES to purchase the shirts.

Staff Liaison Ames noted that an International Day Event with Troy Daze (or a welcoming week event) is a requirement for Welcoming America and supported the idea that GTAC hosts their own if they no longer wish to participate in Troy Daze's.

Committee Member Burrus asked about a summer event and did something international for a prelude to 2022 for the International Day Event in the Fall. GTAC could ask people to donate food. That could be a focus or effort each year.

Staff Liaison Ames asked what day works best for you to meet because the current time seems to conflict with others.

Committee Member Burrus noted that she forgot about the meeting and that she needs a group text as a reminder.

Committee Member Mohideen agreed.

Committee member Burrus also mentioned that the group can hold other accountable and do things like having the board chair check in with you if you miss more than two group meetings.

E. Public Comment

None

F. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20PM



Ethan Baker, Chairperson



Sarah Ames, Staff Liaison / Recording Secretary