

BAC EB Session

August 25, 2010 - Time: 7:00 to 8:30

Agenda:

- Assess opportunities to reach people from BAH/BAC community.
 - 21 minutes (Max.3 minutes each) was proposed but was decided to continue discussion until 9:00 p.m. with break for Iftary.

A digital recording system is in place to capture the minutes.

Discussions:

- Oli Mohammad has explained the proposed campaign to reach out to members of Bangladesh Association and donors of Bangladesh American Center by having regional meetings. It was noted that there is a momentum in the community and that this energy could be appropriately utilized to build BAC.
- A written script with talking points will be used by all involved to help raise awareness and funds for the Center and be on the 'same page'.
- M. Masoom also mentioned that the script will be written by this group - participating in Wednesday meetings.
- Proposed regional meetings will be structured such that maximum amount of time will be given to BAC donors and BAH members. Also feedback after a BAC presentation will be made for a limited time with maximum time to be given to members and donor-members. The Q&A session from the members can help to clarify in building the Center.
- S.S. Newaz mentioned to consider the regional meetings of BAC to be ineffective way to do business and recommended a single meeting in the Center to allow everyone to come to BAC for this meeting, instead of 4 or 5 regional meetings in different part of the town.
- Shapnik Khan suggested having a Wednesday meeting and inviting regional people to participate in a venue in the regional area other than the Center. Promote the BAC as a product to encourage people to contribute.
- Fakrul Ahsan has questioned the goal for these regional meetings and asked if it is for uniting with other organizations?
- Oli Mohammad clarified that the goal of the regional meetings is to create awareness, participation and fund raising within the BAH/BAC members (exclusively) and also to establish a system of direct communication.
- Hasan Rahman proposed to make FOBAC members and founding members as another specific goal during these regional meetings

Resolutions:

- It has been decided to have a SE, SW, N and Katy as the regional areas for the BAC regional meetings where 100s of people will be invited to attend these meetings.
- The 1st Regional Meeting need to be scheduled on Sunday, September 19th 2010

Topics Added in agenda by Shapnik Khan

- To allow a community member to speak in regards to get some help from our community:
 - Mafuz Khan's (409-739-5250) cousin of Sarwar Bhuiyan (Selim) with few family members has discussed the following items and asks BAH for help. The Secretary General of BAH has taken action in seeking some help:
 - Selim is in trouble with a criminal case and immigration problem.
 - Selim now in detention center for immigration problem
 - Attorney fees \$10,000.00, out of which \$7,000.00 has been collected
 - Need another \$3000.00
 - Selim's wife Joshna Chowdhury's is present in the meeting
 - Character certificates may be required
- Meeting Adjourned – Rest will be discussed in the next week meeting.