

BAC Fund Raising Weekly Meeting - 4/7/10

BAC Fundraising Meeting # 10

Attendees: Refers to the Attendees list of this meeting.

Next Meeting: Wednesday April 14th 2010 at the Center.

Minutes:

- Meeting started with Netbrands CEO, CFO's comments, then Q&A session to discuss their effort in raising BAC outreach and funds. They will form a company named "BangladeshCommunity.com" in focusing a social business model in raising fund and required resources to build the BAC in Renn Road. Initially they will rent a 10-15 thousands square footage building to start the social business, where volunteers will be involved as the labor resources. This facility can be used for indoor interim BAC activities while social businesses are carried out – such as rental party supplies, moon walk, etc. They have also focused in promoting the growth of Bangladesh using this business model. This will be a pilot project for these young entrepreneurs in building the BAC first. This venture can raise project in Bangladesh to impact the technology sectors along with some exchange programs. After a long Q&A session with 3-Netbrands personnel and 34 others BAC donor members - a motion was taken for the following resolution and the resolution was passed with 36 to 1 votes.

02-2010 Resolution:

The "BangladeshCommunity.com" will be one of the fund raising wings of the Bangladesh Association to build the Bangladesh-American Center (BAC) – a community center for all of Houston. Bangladesh Center fundraising effort is not limited to the "BangladeshCommunity.com" business model only. BAC ongoing fundraising efforts will continue simultaneously.

- Other topics discussed but major action items from last week minutes were not completed due to time constraint:
 - Bangla Movie Tickets selling and tickets distribution
 - Shah Haleem Mitu –collected 12 advertisements for the "3rd Person Singular Number" movie and Hasan Rahman will compile a Power Point presentation during the April 11th show.
 - Bangla Movie Tickets selling and tickets distribution:
 - Kazi Faisal – 4 tickets (1-4)
 - Mohammad Masoom – 10 tickets (5-14)
 - Shah Haleem Mithu – 10 tickets (15-24)
 - M. Shahid – 5 tickets (25-29)
 - Shapnik Khan – 50 tickets (30-80)
 - S. M. Haleem Mithu – 10 tickets (81-99, 135-140, 146-149)
 - Oli Mohammed – 10 tickets (100-104, 141-145)
 - Asia Bazar – 25 tickets (105-129)
 - Saddam Ahmad leo – 5 tickets (130-134)
 - Fakrul Ahsan Moni – 11 tickets (150-160)
 - Shamim Ahmed – 20 tickets (163-182)

The following action Items were not discussed for status:

- Afzal wanted to see an official written guideline to raise fund for BAC.

- BAC Donors Conference name changed to “BAC Annual Conference”, which is under consideration to be held in the early August of each year. For this year is it too early to plan or should we planned the first one in 2011. The draft version of the purpose and scope of this BAC Annual Conference is available for review.
- Shapnik Khan wanted to raise fund for the Tennis field with a pavilion – Saddam Ahmad will review the plan to allocate the area from the BAC blue print.

Action Item List:

1. The above people – action to bring back unsold Bangla Movie tickets to Hasan Rahman at the Funplex theatre by 1:30p.m. before the start of the movie.
2. Shah Haleem Mitu – action to help in the auto phone tree message for Bangla movie announcement and Channel-I advertisement
3. Oli Mohammed – action to present in the meeting of 4/7/10 - a formal presentation of the BD TV promotional package and proposal to create an outreach for BAC. Dr. S. S. Newaz to help in writing a draft using some of the FOBANA materials provided by Afzal Ahmed. Example: “Buy a brick for \$10.00 to build the Center”
4. Afzal Ahmed – action to provide FOBANA promotional materials to this committee such that those materials can be re-used for the BAC project. The FOBANA 2009 materials and archive should be available to BAC so that letters and BAC promotional packages can be generated or references from this archive.
5. Shah Haleem Mitu - action to raise fund in building a permanent “Shahid Minar” at the BAC designated area as per the blue print.
6. Hasan Rahman - action is to buy a Conference Call system and a Projector Screen so that this kind of meeting can be conducted in a better format and at the same time can be extended over the phone for patrons unable to meet physically at the BAC. This is part of the BAC outreach program.
7. Shapnik Khan – action to find sponsors (like Deshi grocer) in helping to publish BAC monthly news bulletin, which will be distributed in all BD grocers and over the Internet forum.