

Minutes of the CIAG Meeting on October 24, 2009 at the Residence of  
Engr. & Mrs. Rodrigo & Frances Dioso, Jr. at 1506 Rue Avati, San Jose, CA

ATTENDANCE: Nancy Castro, Romy Castro, Frances Dioso, Rod Dioso, Patti Esperanza, Romy Esperanza, Mar Estioko, Floro Gutierrez, Zeny Gutierrez, Beulah Pascual, Val Pascual, Ray Peralta, Loida Osoteo, Rey Osoteo, Lito Viray, Ohma Viray.  
GUESTS: *Bert Casuga, Zeny Casuga, Julie Hidalgo, Lu Hidalgo, Magda Somera, Vic Somera.*

CALL TO ORDER: President Val Pascual welcomed the newcomers and guests, and called the meeting to order at 3:15 p.m. He asked the members present for any significant events in their family since the previous meeting that they would like to share.

Rod Dioso mentioned that he attended a Filipino History Month gathering in San Jose last month and emphasized the need for unity and cooperation as well as networking. He also mentioned that the Filipino Democrats there have chosen him the interim president. Also announced that the Fil-Am group at De Anza College has a fundraising concert featuring Hip Hop Dancing on November 5 at the very reasonable price of \$7.00 but if reservation is done now will be only \$2.00.

Ray Peralta remarked that Dr. Belgrano Cajigal has called him and wanted to talk also to Val when he was visiting relatives in Carmel. He may be able to attend our next meeting.

Loida Osoteo said she just wanted to reiterate the remarks of Rod and said that politically, we're not yet well represented in the regional, state and national levels, thus indeed there is a strong need for all of us to unite and work cooperatively.

Romeo Esperanza shared the fact that they are very busy and cannot attend the meetings because they are in tours out of the country most of the time due to the nature of their business. Mentioned further that he came only because Ed Cabacungan talked and encouraged him to attend to help promote a cruise for the 1960 CLSU graduates and all alumni and friends in October of 2010.

READING/APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: Floro Gutierrez asked the members present to briefly go over the minutes and then bring out any corrections or needed changes. Ohma Viray was concerned about No. 3 of the approved items, to wit, "On the suggestion of Gerry Galinato, it was also approved that all fundraising proceeds from this event will be donated to the CLSUAAI for its guestel project." Her concern is that the officials of the CLSUAAI may think that the amount we maybe able to raise will be a very big amount, which from previous experiences are rather fairly modest amounts and suggested more caution in the future when dealing with financial issues.

Point was duly noted and Ray moved, seconded by Rod that the minutes of the previous minutes be approved. APPROVED.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Ohma Viray reported that as of October 24, 2009, the total cash deposits is \$3,873.71 broken down as follows:

General Fund Checking Account:	\$ 512.21
General Fund Savings Account:	500.41
Endowment Fund CD	2,861.09
Outstanding check (\$300.00)	

(Note: Additional endowment fund donations were received by the Treasurer during the meeting and is reported below, under the heading Endowment Fund).

The Treasurer inquired from Ray Peralta when we can hold a fundraising casino trip and Ray replied that anytime, if we can fill a bus of 50 to 56 participants. The group decided that as the weather is getting colder and sometimes it gets foggy, the first CIAG casino trip will be held sometime in April next year.

Ray moved, seconded by Mar that the Treasurer's report be approved. APPROVED.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Special Report: Ohma reported that they had a very enjoyable and memorable Hawaiian cruise. They had a formal dinner every night. Each couple in the cruise donated or pledged to donate \$50 each for a total of \$250. Mar Estioko also reported some of the highlights of the cruise. He said that Ohma was the best student of the Hula Dance class and was always in the front and center during the lessons and she graduated from the class and received an authentic certificate of graduation which entitles her to open a hula dance class. He also reported that during one of the formal dinners, the night was very special to the CLSU guests when the dance was dedicated exclusively for them.

Endowment Fund: Ohma reported that with additional EF donations received during the meeting, the EF donations received as of today, October 24 is \$3,200.00. She further reported that EF Chair Ed Cabacungan will write a follow up letter on the EF campaign very soon.

September 2010 Alumni Reunion in Las Vegas: The suggestions given by Alumni Homecoming/Reunions Chair Gerry Galinato by email were discussed and adopted with very slight changes. The reunion date will be September 18-19, 2010. Early comers on Sept. 17 will have a get together dinner and hula dance practice in the evening. Registration will be on Saturday morning, 10/18, followed by a brief business meeting and lunch then the dinner dance in the evening and catered brunch the following morning with possible contributions from the local members. Initially, according to Gerry, Lakay DG volunteered a lechon or kaming. Ohma has prepared a beautiful *SAVE THE DATE* FLYER which will be mailed to the members very soon.

Motiff of the event is Hawaiian.

Constitution and By-Laws: Chairman Rod Dioso reported that due to the need for more members to participate in the election of officers, the provision in our Constitution and By-Laws for the election of officers in December (Article VIII, Section 1 (e)n will be amended to September, the exact wording to be presented next meeting. Floro moved, seconded by Mar that the committee's recommendation be approved. APPROVED.

NEW BUSINESS:

New England/Canada Cruise: On the suggestion by email of Ed Cabacungan for a cruise in the New England/Canada area to honor the 1960 CLSU alumni but inviting everybody to participate, President Val gave the floor to Romy and Patty Esperanza. Patty described some of the places that will be very interesting to visit in the area as well as other areas. Some members asked about Mediterranean cruises and Patty answered they have them too. Patty inquired when the cruise will be and was answered in early October. It was decided that Patty and Romy prepare their recommendations including the pricing for further discussion in the next meeting.

Joint Post-Christmas Party: For the first time in their brief history, CLSU International Alumni Group (CIAG) and the Fil-Am Aggies of California, USA will hold a joint post-Christmas party. In the brief joint meeting co-chaired by their presidents, Val and Floro, the following was approved by the two groups most of which has already been approved by the Fil-Am Aggies Association during its Oct. 21 meeting:

DATE, TIME AND PLACE: Dec. 27 (Sunday) at 4 p.m. at the Masonic Social Hall, Masonic Drive, San Jose, CA

MUSIC TO BE PROVIDED BY: *THE HOUSEKEEPERS* at \$400

LOGISTICS: \$10 OR \$20 PER COUPLE FOR CATERED MEAL(With Coffee or Tea)

TAB SHARE: If the total expenses will not be covered by the \$10 contribution, any shortage will be split and shouldered 50-50 by the two associations.

EXCHANGE GIFT: Gift per couple with a minimum \$20 value.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Recorded by:

Floro Gutierrez, *Secretary*

