

TAAM Board Meeting

March 4, 2006

Eden Prairie Public Library

Agenda

- Events Calendar (30 min)
- Membership and Financial Review (10 min)
- Festival of Nations (30 min)
- Fund Raising Committee (15 min)
- Turkish art and culture day (15 min)
- Experts and Scholars Database on Turkey and Its Foreign Relations (15 min)
- Teaching Turkey at schools (10 min)

Events Calendar

- Kurban Bayrami January 15, 2006
- Brunch March 12, 2006
- Children's Day April 23, 2006
- Festival of Nations May 4-7, 2006
- Appreciation Dinner June, 2006
- July 4th picnic July, 2006
- Grape gardens September, 2006
- Republic Day October, 2006

Kurban Bayrami

- Well attended- over 85 people
- Daria's Café at Apple Valley
- Good feedback
 - Free event
 - Supplied foods and drinks
 - Daria sponsored drinks- Thank You!
- Cost was ~ \$300.00

Spring Brunch

- Mart 12, 2006
- Enjoy's at Apple Valley
- Dateline is over
- # of attendees:
- may need to think a different event for next year?

Children's Day

- 23 April 2006
- Location: Saint Paul Academy
- Program details
 - Essay and drawings
 - Making a sheep by kids
- Volunteers needed
- Need to learn about Children's festival in Minnesota- should we join?

Appreciation Dinner & July Picnic

- Caspian? Istanbul Bistro? Or a restaurant?
- DJ? Serdar may help us to find one.
- Teslime is leading these activities

Outdoor Activity & Republic Day Reception

- Esra has a suggestion about grape picking instead of apple picking
- Need volunteer for Republic Day Event
 - Location
 - program

Membership and Financial Review

- How many paid members so far?
- Would like to send confirmation of the membership to the paid members
- Do we need to run a membership drive?
- Financial review
 - 2005 and 2006

Festival of Nations

- Café
 - Lahmacun, tantuni, spinach borek, hummus and carrot dip platter, piyaz, stuffed grape leave
 - Baklava, mozaic cake
 - Turkish coffee, black tea, apple tea, sahlep, lemonade
- Exhibition
 - Grand Bazaar
 - Fashion Show from Ankara Olgunlasma Enstitusu?
- Seeking volunteers
 - Have FON volunteer database from last year- PLUS
 - Need volunteers to make calls to find volunteers

Fund Raising Committee

- Need a leader and a group of volunteers
- Need to decide on what to do, and where to use the fund
 - Teaching culture, cuisine, etc.

Turkish Art and Culture Day at U of M (April 20, 2006)

- Need to read the mail received from a student
- Need to talk to Zuleyha Colak about the program and learn how we can help
- Need a lead

Experts and Scholars Database on Turkey and its foreign relations

- We get requests from organizations/universities to talk about current issues involving Turkey
- Currently, do not have a list of experts who can represent Turkey, but would like to have one
- TUSIAD, Bogazici University, Halic Rotary Club
- Asking our members if they would like to be included in the database?

Teaching Turkey at schools

- We have a couple of presentations on this subject- if you would like to use it, just ask.
- Ipek and Serpil did give a series of talks about Turkey at an elementary school
- Learnings
 - Activity is necessary to keep the interest
 - Children's day was the hit !
- Need to work on this to present well-prepared and active presentations for different age groups
 - Volunteers?