

TAAM Board Meeting – January 13th, 2008

Meeting Attendees: Serpil Metin, Cem Yurttas, Hasan bey, Sinan Cingilli, Mesude Cingilli, Isil Yavuz, Engin Kalayci, Belma Erdogan

Festival of Nations

February 3rd, at 1 PM the meeting will be at the International Institute of MN.

Folk Dances

Nergis will lead this effort. Performances should start in February the latest.

Two hours for the dance practices – first hour for either the children or adults and the second hour for the other age group. The children age group is 5-13 years old.

Cem will look into Diamond Lake community center for practices.

The adult dance will be performed by both male and female dancers.

Isil mentioned that the students would like to perform at another event in late April. There appears to be 4 students that have shown interest.

Nergis needs to call Festival organization, there is no children performance shown on the preliminary schedule. Also there is only a single performance by the adult dance team. If possible, we'd like to perform more than once.

Exhibit

The architecture department at U displayed an exhibit regarding Istanbul's architecture. We could use some material from them if possible.

We need a brainstorming session – Deniz will schedule this, Mesude abla will participate.

Ottoman miniature art – Benim Adim Kirmizi, Orhan Pamuk.

Pinar Serim knows Ebru.

Serpil will send an email to TAAM list regarding festival volunteership.

Membership Forms and Sohbet

Cem will send the membership forms for 2008.

Serpil suggests that we enclose a newsletter with that.

- Can will provide financial information.
- Tea Social Hour – Eagan Community Center in February – Pinar Tutuncu
- Children’s Day – St. Paul Academy in April – Pinar Tutuncu
- Festival of Nations – in May – Serpil (Cem will write about the folk dances)
- Volunteer Appreciation Dinner in June - Engin
- Summer Picnic – July - Cem
- Ramazan Bayrami – October - Mesude
- Cumhuriyet Bayrami – November – Engin

Deadline for the information from each party is January 23. Everyone will email their parts to Engin.

2008 Events Calendar

Social Hour – February 10th – Isil will look into the place (CTC, CSCC)

Social Hour – March 22nd (place TBD)

Children’s Day – April 19th (Pinar Tutuncu will lead – place TBD, the social hours can influence the location)

Festival of Nations – May 1-4

Social Hour organized by TASA – May 17th (place TBD)

Volunteer Appreciation Dinner – June 8th (place TBD – possibly Istanbul Bistro or a picnic)

4th of July Picnic – July 6th

Duluth Trip – August 9th

Student Welcome Picnic organized by TASA – September 6th

Ramazan Bayrami – October 4th

Republic Day Dinner – November 1st

Social Hour (Kurban Bayrami) – December 7th