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**Attendees:** Evren Eryurek, Serpil Metin, Deniz Kalayci, Engin Kalayci, Esra Riggs, Trent Riggs, Lisa Vervena, Evren Guler, Hande Tuzel and Can Serim

**Duration: 1:15-3:30**

#### **FON Appreciation Dinner**

FON volunteers were recognized for their hard work at an appreciation brunch held at Istanbul Bistro; there were 70 adults and 12 children. Out of 70, 12 of them were guests which helped lower the cost on TAAM's end. The overall cost to TAAM amounted to \$659.68.

#### **4<sup>th</sup> of July Picnic**

Another well attended and received event by TAAM. Total cost to TAAM was under \$200 including the shelter space. About 65-70 people have attended. We need to provide cell phone numbers of event contact person in advance to people planning to attend, which would help them locate the picnic area if they have a question. It was a good choice for date, because American spouses appreciated the fact that we chose this day for a picnic. Some new faces said they were there because they were hearing good things about TAAM activities.

#### **Status of Past Action Items**

Dancing space at the U for folklore practices. About 15 people should be able to practice. **Action Item** for Hande is to follow-up on this. Nancy wants to start practicing for October 29<sup>th</sup> event. Can we recruit students from the U to participate on this, another action item for Hande. Also, student participation in the Turk Sanat Muzigi chorus. Hande will locate students that can play guitar etc, for the October 29<sup>th</sup> event.

Serpil is still working on documenting the menu organization and cooking procedures, she plans to finish before September's board meeting. Nancy wants to participate in the TAAM events and committees. Melissa is almost done with her documentation of the FON exhibit development and planning procedures. All 3 components should be compiled into a single document.

Evren haven't contacted consulate in Chicago yet; **Action Item:** Can may help on this action item to Evren. He has some contact in the consulate. Deniz will contact some friends that are professional folklore dancers, they may send some pictures.

#### **Changes in Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation**

Fundraising chair has been added to the bylaws. 11 members of the board, it used to be 10 before. 2 years of board term duration; selections will be held every other year. Board members can be elected from the member body if they have fulfilled 2 months of membership; this used to be 2 weeks in the past. A student representative will be in the TAAM board.

Membership will be informed about these changes, and a special meeting will be scheduled. 2/3 of the present in the meeting is enough to OK the changes; proxies will also be accepted. Each change bullet point can be approved separately. There are 3 major changes that can be voted separately. The meeting can be held in the end of August or beginning of September; September 10<sup>th</sup> 2005, perhaps Sovereign Grounds (Hakan's place).

Sovereign Grounds, 813 E. 48<sup>th</sup> St., 825-6157

### **Fund Raising Activities**

FGI an international group that trains expatriates invited us to train 3M - Turkey's new director. First session brought \$400 for TAAM. Follow up session was held in mid June, this session may raise \$250-\$500 for TAAM. FGI contacted Evren for another 2-hour training, this session will raise \$400.

### **Designing a Logo for TAAM**

By the end of July we need drawings; otherwise the one from Kathryn based on Melissa's drawing will be adapted as TAAM's official logo. If we have 3 of them, then the members will be informed and a voting can take place. Otherwise, the design by Catherine will used. **Action Item:** For those who may create some hand-drawn alternatives, these should be communicated to Kathryn through Evren.

### **Membership Drive**

Resulted in two renewed membership, and one new membership. 1 asked to be removed from the list. Total 2005 paid membership is 75 including individuals and families. June newsletter has been mailed, and website has all the pictures from the events. TAAM database is now converted to Access database. **Action Item:** Can will look into creating a web site interface for the TAAM database that can be managed online. Otherwise Evren will try to outsource this to someone. Serpil suggested that we should include a member profession; skills set section for further reference.

### **Upcoming Events**

Student welcome picnic: Hande will let us know about the event, where, what is needed from TAAM etc.

Apple picking is typically in October. **Action Item:** Lisa will identify a location and let the members know about it about the date. A shuttle can be arranged, or car pooling can be done for the students.

Republic day: Officers Lounge at Fort Snelling, about 300 people can sit, they have a dance place. The silent auction can be done over there. The dessert can be brought in. October 29<sup>th</sup> Saturday is the date.