

TAAM Board Meeting – January 21, 2007

Attendees: Nuri Hasanov, Serpil Metin, Nergis Petersen, Can Okandan, Pinar Tutuncu, Cem Yurttas and Engin Kalayci.

Calendar of Events

February 18th, 2007 – Social Hour at the Eagan Community Club celebrating the New Year, from 2-4.30 PM. It includes coffee, soda, cookies and muffins. We should put a link to its website. We will only send an email update about this. Anyone that has tavla and other games should bring one. We need to let them know that no foods from outside are allowed.

Children's Day: April 21st, 2007 Saturday. Serpil will call for Minnehaha Academy to find out if that place is suitable otherwise Pinar will contact with Saint Paul Academy, which was the location for last year. We are thinking about charging for adults a minor fee, around \$2. Foods from outside are welcomed; again we will order pizzas like last year.

Festival of Nations: May 3 to 6, 2007.

Volunteer Appreciation Dinner: June 3rd, 2007 on Sunday. We need to verify when the Memorial Day weekend is, so that we don't schedule it for the same timing. We are still considering Istanbul Bistro for this event.

July Picnic, July 15th, 2007 Sunday. We are still considering Hyland Park in Bloomington.

Student Welcome Picnic: We will contribute to their event this year again. This happens on September. We should encourage the participation of TAAM members during this event so that we do create a welcome environment for the U students. This should be done before the month of Ramadan, either September 2nd and 9th.

Apple Picking Day – to be decided.

Republic Day Dinner: November 3rd, 2007 Saturday. Last year's location was great; we should perhaps call and reserve this location.

Kurban Bayrami and Christmas Celebration: December 23rd 2007 Sunday.

Sohbet

July 2006 picnic (Teslime/Meral), Apple Picking (Nergis), Student Picnic (Ayca), Republic Day Dinner (Serpil/Engin), Election Results (Engin), Calendar of Events (Cem), Financial Table (Engin), Volunteer Needed for Festival of Nations, Also dancers needed for Festival right now.

All entries will be sent to Cem Yurttas and he will assemble them. All inputs needed within a week.

Board Contact List

Serpil will send the email addresses of all board members to all of us.

Membership Renewal Forms: Cem will be working on the thank you and please contribute with your 2007 dues letter and will mail the forms to members and non-paid members.

Other Issues: Elif Safak is visiting Minneapolis Library. Perhaps we should send this over to the members. Mr. Abdullah Akyuz is wishing to visit MN to talk about things related to Turkish community. Serpil will talk to him to find out what he can talk about, timing and his schedule. There's a request that TAAM should help with the effort of putting any of the Turkish cities on Star Tribune's weather page for daily forecast. Outreach for elementary schools, we need to put this into the agenda for next meeting.

Next Meeting: 10 February 2007 Saturday- Mapps Cafe