



## **BIBAK Northern California Meeting**

Saturday February 4, 2023 12:50pm – 3:12 pm  
Pengosro Residence, San Jose California  
23 members in physical attendance  
3 members through Zoom

### Meeting Agenda

- A. Financial statements
- B. Events for 2023
- C. Fundraising
- D. Membership
- E. BAP
- F. Gala
- G. Brandy Gamoning Request
- H. Philippines Scholarship Program
- I. Community Involvement

### **A. Financial Statements**

1. Address of organization to be changed from home address of Tony Buangan to the home address of Joanne Pengosro.
2. Tax filing still in progress. Action: Tony Buangan, Joanne Pengosro, Judy Dulay, John Dyte
3. Covid 19 emergency fund (\$4,000) unused and will be returned to general fund.
4. Donation by Seymour Cornel of \$200 to youth fund
5. Current total cash in hand \$34,605.17

### **B. Events for 2023**

1. Valentine's Day (none this year)
2. Picnic
  - a. Coyote Point, San Mateo
  - b. Saturday July 8, 2023 – reservations made during meeting by Fina Pengosro on behalf of Joanne Pengosro
3. Christmas (not yet reserved)

### **C. Fundraising**

Aside from the usual fundraising to sustain the general fund, we need more aggressive fund raisings for our next grand canao. The cost of venues and hotels have increased dramatically because of the pandemic and inflation. To achieve an acceptable price for tickets, BIBAKNC will need to subsidize a significant portion of the cost. The following ideas were presented during the meeting:

1. Presented by Elbina Rafizadeh  
Create a streaming event where participants can pay to join and witness the events as well as participate in its discussions or simply connect with others using the event as medium. Elbina explains her church has done this successfully.
2. Kahlil Cacabelos noted that we need to add more zeal and formality to our community objectives with the same fervor as our gatherings. For example, a formalized dance troupe can participate in local or statewide cultural events. A proven history of such would be useful in securing grants as well as invitations to events that provide compensation.
3. Myrna Collins offered to fund raise in Salinas. She explained how cultural events in Salinas have raised substantial amounts. She will need the assistance of at least 6 female dancers and male participants for the instruments. We discussed possibly 12 participants.
4. We need to continue with the casino trips.
5. Other items mentioned
  1. seasonal caroling
  2. concerts
  3. talent shows/open mic
  4. a craft fair – handmade arts and crafts and invite west coast BIBAK organizations

### **D. Membership**

- a. Please renew your membership if you have not already
- b. Membership dues for 2023 as of today is \$35
- c. If you have already paid or prepaid for multiple years. Thank you.

### **E. BAP Burial Aid Program ( a voluntary program of BIBAK Norcal)**

The BAP is not an insurance. It is an agreement to send at least \$10 to the representative of the bereaved family of a BAP participant upon their demise. BAP participants do not contribute to a fund. As a BAP participant, you will receive a letter indicating that a BAP participant has passed away. You would then send at least \$10 to the representative in the letter. No amount should ever be sent to the BIBAK organization or its officers. You must formally enroll in this program when you renew your membership.

## **F. GALA now Canao 2024**

The originally proposed Gala interrupted by the pandemic will now be a grand Canao instead to be held in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2024.

## **G. Brandy Gamoning Request**

- received a request in December 2022 for a dance performance during a family reunion in June 10, 2023 to surprise elders
- Family is from Benguet & has been active in BIBAK SoCal & Hawaii
- They're willing to provide either a donation to BIBAK NorCal or pay for travel expenses

Questions Ritz asked Brandy with answers:

1. What is the venue for the performance?
  - a. Answer: They're renting a large house in Dixon, CA for the reunion  
[Here](#) is a link to the rented home
  - b. It's a large lot with several large open areas, some with grass, pavement, dirt
2. How many dances/how long would they like us to perform?  
Answer: 30 minutes but would be open to timing that works best for our group; they are requesting Benguet dances

Follow-up questions emailed to Brandy:

1. What part of Benguet are the elders from?
2. Let Brandy know the 3 Benguet dances we know how to perform: Bindian, Takik & Tal-lak
3. What time of day would they like us to perform?
4. When do they need our answer?  
Confirm with Brandy that while BIBAKNC does not have a specified dance group, volunteer dancers can be assembled.
5. Will food/drink be provided to performers?
6. Are we allowed to record our performances for our own archive?

Action item: Ritz emailed follow up questions to Brandy and will update board.

## **H. Scholarship Program**

1. Art Bulayo met with 3 prior candidates and they are all now working.
2. Art Bulayo presented a new candidate. BIBAKNC has decided to vet the new candidate and if vet is good, then scholarship is approved. Art has returned to the Philippines and is handling the vetting.
3. Amounts provided to students will be determined on case by case basis with consideration to the available funds allocated to the scholarship fund.
4. Comments were contributed to seek out candidates from other provinces.

## I. Organizational Structure

1. Madeline Pengosro resigning her position as the BIBAKNC Board Member for the Santa Clara area.
2. Enable the functional objectives of BIBAKNC. ie formalize a dance troupe
3. Emphasize membership drives during all communications throughout the year.

**BIBAK Northern California extends their gratitude to Madeline Pengosro for hosting this meeting and sharing her home.**