

Attendees: Anowara Ahmed, Ratna Cary, Liz Corbin, Meredith Farruk, Star Faruque, Lupe Islam, Maria Islam, Sharlene Meisner, Juditha Ohlmacher, Melanie Rubenstein, & Lori Walsh.

The meeting was called into order at 5:30 p.m.

Ø Yellow Pages:

- § Maria asked the status of our sales and our collection efforts from various vendors.
- § Liz reported that she had left an invoice at Folk International for Mr. Gazi but has not been back to pick it up.
- § She also reported that Kumudini still owes DAWC money for their sales.
- § Sallie Ann has paid up for last year's sales and has taken 130 more for this year.
- § Maria also said that the AIS/D had some books – the receptionist has money for us.
- § Liz will do a list (she has a ledger) of who owes what and will leave invoices with the respective vendors.
- § It was reported that we spent approximately Tk. 59,000 on our last reprint.
- § Maria Islam emphasized the necessity of collecting our rightful cash to boost our budget.

Ø Next Edition of Yellow Pages:

- § Meredith has a paper list and a CD of updates to the Yellow Pages given by Lupe.
- § Lupe advised the board to start immediately to be able sell by May of next year.
- § Lupe also advised getting together in committee to start the re-verification process. Lupe said she will be available for guidance; 5-6 people will be needed for the committee.
- § She said that if dates were planned properly, the reprint can be done in 6 months.
- § We should now start collecting new business cards.
- § It was reported that one non-DAWC member (a psychiatrist) has said she would like to help and contribute just because it is so useful.

Ø Unauthorized Publication of Yellow Pages Maps: It was reported that the AIS/D has used our Yellow Pages maps in their phone book. Lupe explained that we had hired mapping experts to do our maps, yet AIS/D did not take our permission. Lupe is certain beyond a shadow of a doubt that these are our maps. Sharlene suggested speaking to them diplomatically asking why they did this. She said we should speak with Nadar in the Admissions Office. Obviously no monetary compensation would be asked, yet the AIS/D should be notified that we found it inappropriate.

Ø Cookbook: Melanie has emailed with Susan Elahi and is awaiting a response regarding the cover art contest. Someone suggested opening it to all DAWC members, or ISD. A notice should be put in the Dasher. Printing will take 2 weeks once editing is done.

Ø Bazaar/Yard Sale (Cinco de Mayo):

- § Meredith reported that APON had created Easter candles specifically to sell at our bazaar, and was not told well enough in advance of the cancellation. She feels very badly about it and other vendors who were put out by our cancellation.
- § Sharlene suggested DAWC do a small event with some of these valued vendors, where we can sell all the books and garments collected for the bazaar. We could call it a Yard Sale and catch those who will be leaving for the summer. It could be opened up to other members to sell their things as well.
- § Everyone agreed that we could also have a bake sale.
- § It was suggested that we hold it on May 5 and call it a "Cinco de Mayo" sale, from 10-2, perhaps at the ARA. All agreed this was a great idea.

- Ø Sylvia Bieniek's Vendors: Juditha has contacted them all to inform them of the cancellation; Meredith will return the money to three of them on the Gulshan side, and Juditha will return money to the other one in Mohammadpur.
- Ø Donors: Meredith said most are OK using their donations from the Bazaar for other fundraising events.
- Ø Celebrity Look-alike Dinner: It was discussed what the venue should be, and whether it should be BYOB. Lori reported that Mondira did not have an alcohol license, and BYOB would endanger it in these sensitive times. Everyone agreed that any party must have booze to be widely successful. Other venues were suggested such as the Sarina hotel and other restaurants. Sharlene reported that the AIS/D PTA dinner dance will be at the Radisson, which could be a good location. DAWC could rent out the ground floor circular area.
- Ø Fashion Show:
  - § Date: Lori said 2nd or 4th week of April. Sharlene brought up the fact that the PTA will be having its dinner dance on April 27th and we should not conflict with that.
  - § Designers: Andees is interested. Lori is still in talks with Jatra. Juditha brought up Chondon whose owner is a DAWC member and who is interested. Many had not heard of this place, but Meredith brought out a magazine clipping on it. Once a designer is finalized, we must decide on who the models will be, Laura B. Is helping with this process.
  - § Donors: Lupe said she can help with getting cash sponsors. We already have Tk. 20,000 from Halliburton (from the Bazaar). It was decided to give 2 free tickets for every Tk. 10,000 donated. PIA (Pakistan Air) is still willing to donate tickets.
  - § Timing: We will have to start selling tickets the last week of March. We will have to do posters, tickets.
  - § Tickets: DAWC will ask no percentage from the designer. Profit will come from tickets only.
  - § It was felt that there are too many DAWC events being planned to be realistic this spring: Sharlene thought better to just go for the one Fashion Show Dinner and not the Celebrity Look-alike Dinner. A VOTE was taken to only do one "dinner" event, the Fashion Show. Ayes carried unanimously. The venue for the Fashion Show will be ARA.
- Ø Muktir Gaan with ICDDR,B: Lori had not heard back from Jean regarding the exact date but the estimated date would be March 22. A description of the film is needed.
- Ø Charities: Have to visit before deciding? Yes.
- Ø Treasurer: Ratna reported there is Tk. 2,20,000 in the bank right now.
- Ø Easter Children's Party: Sharlene volunteered to organize the Easter party on April 7.
- Ø Other Business: Melanie and Juditha reported they would separately be gone for the next three weeks.
- Ø Next Meeting: To be announced.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Juditha Ohlmacher  
Secretary