



Society of Nepalese in Hawaii (SNEHA)

DAY: 05/02/2009
TIME: 2:30 – 4:00 pm
LOCATION: UH Campus Center

Meeting Minutes

Attendees	Jiwnath Ghimire, Surya Laxmi Suwal Maharjan, Roshan Manandhar, Bedika Paudyal, Alok Rajouria, Bibin Shakya
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Key Points Discussed and Action

1	<p>Topic 1: Cultural Program Considering the availability of performers and the cultural program coordinator Maharjan, the EC was compelled to postpone the cultural program to 2nd week of June or 1st week of July. The exact date to be decided later. The program, consisting of Nepali dances, songs and fashion show, is to be advertized widely. Shakya to work on designing flyers.</p>
2	<p>Topic 2: Summer Program for Children As per the suggestion of SNEHA member Suresh Tamang, the EC discussed the possibility of SNEHA organizing summer class/program for children. The EC viewed the idea positively but, given that summer holidays is just round the corner and some parents have already enrolled their children in summer programs, it may not be possible for SNEHA to organize a full-fledged summer program this year. However, a short course in Math or fun visits to educational places can still be planned and executed. It all depends on finding teachers and parents interested in enrolling their children.</p>
3	<p>Topic 3: RIO Rajouria updated the committee on the process of changing/adding representatives to the UH Registered Independent Organization (RIO). It was agreed that since member Arjun Aryal had already taken the mandatory workshop, he will continue to be the contact person and will add Bal Krishna Neupane to the list of new representatives that will allow him to book classrooms at the campus center for Nepali classes.</p>
4	<p>Topic 4: Reflection on New Years Party It was agreed that the SNEHA-organized News Years pot-luck party held on April 18 was a success. However, a couple of issues were raised. First, many kids had to go hungry waiting for the guests as the food was not made available until the guests arrived. Second, the question of facilitating guests with leis was raised. It was agreed that SNEHA has to be consistent in its programs and should not discriminate between its guests bestowing extraordinary welcome and honor in one event and not in another.</p>
5	<p>Topic 4: Creating a Project committee Rajouria suggested that, since a lot of talent in grant writing and project administration remains untapped within SNEHA, a committee should be formed that will develop projects and pursue grants. Rajouria to write an email to SNEHA members informing them about the formation of the committee and solicit their interest in joining the committee.</p>