

Meeting started at 9:36 pm EST

Attendance:

Sabu M	Dr. Divya V	Jaimon K	Lijo M	Cyriac K
Phinu T	Jenny T	John K	Jomon K	Shiju A
Jude K	Raju P	Justin T	Bennett V	Jomon C
Jitty P				

Absent: Fr. Mulvanal

1) Prayer song

- Sung by John Kusumalayalm - Marthoman

2) Presidential Welcome by Cyriac Koovakattil

- President welcomed everyone to first EC meeting on behalf of the officers. He thanked everyone to find time to serve the Knanaya Community. The community has high expectations for us so we have to work hard to meet those expectations. He mentioned the famous quote by John F Kennedy, " Ask not what the country can do, ask what you can do for the country", with that same mindset, let's do all we can for our Knanaya Community. He stated at the end of our term, we want leave a positive impression with the Knanaya Community.

3) Meet and Greet of EC Members

- All the EC members introduced themselves, shared a little about themselves, their occupation, family and expressed their dedication to making the next two years great for our wonderful Knanaya Community.
- President went over some house rules – to keep these EC meetings to two hours or less. President asked everyone be considerate and allow one person to talk at a time. Next meeting will start at 8pm Central time. For the initial EC meetings, we will do it every other Tuesday due to KCYNLA meetings on Wednesday, afterwards, they will change their meeting days and we will do it on every other Wednesday.

4) Inauguration of new KCCNA EC

- President stated we are planning an KCCNA EC inauguration in Chicago, tentatively on June 6th or June 12th. We want to have an in person executive meeting, a leadership seminar with all the former leaders and in the evening have the Inauguration. The date is tentative and will finalize at the next EC meeting. The inauguration agenda item is passed.
 - After finding out hall availability, the following three dates are available – Sunday May 23rd, Friday May 28th and Sunday June 6th.

5) Town Hall Meeting

- President stated this is a new initiative with our new team to do a Town Hall meeting in each unit. We want to get feedback from our community members. We will come up with 10 questions in which we will ask each unit, it will be the same questions for each

unit. Once we finish this up we will formulate the answers and come up with strategic plan for the betterment of the community. All the RVP's will coordinate with the unit president to conduct this Town Hall meeting, Cyriac will also call all the presidents as well. Town Hall Meeting agenda is passed.

6) Knanaya Times

- President wants to publish Knanaya Times each month, however we need help of all the RVPs. President requested all RVP's to find a editor in their respected regions who can present news to the chief editor which can be published in Knanaya Times. President advised this will be a E-paper in PDF. President asked if everyone can share the name of representative from each region by next meeting. Shiju mentioned about the Knanaya times was part of the publish committee, in 1/3 members exit each year. President said that he is going to ask for report for each committee and we will evaluate. It's part of the below agenda. Knanaya Times agenda is passed.

7) Future Ideas for the next two years

- Regional Convention
 - i. In all units, request everyone to conduct a regional convention.
- National Level Basketball Tournament
 - ii. This may not have to be a basketball tournament, it can be a sports weekend. The idea is to have a national event in each region.
- Art and Literary Competition – national level
 - iii. If we can do this as a separate event in a weekend regionally, this will lower the time spend at the convention. This way they can spend more time enjoying the convention.
- Zoom Meeting on Career Fair
 - iv. This will help our High School students to get to know different career opportunities out there from high professional individuals.
- Zoom Meeting on Living Will
 - v. This is an opportunity for our members to know about how to create a living will.
- Mental Issues Hotline
 - vi. The idea is to create a mental issues hotline, which is totally confidential. We have a lot of Social Workers in our community, we can come up with a hotline to help our community that would be great.
- Knanaya Cruise – 2021
 - vii. Since Covid is somewhat behind us know, people all want to get out and enjoy. This may be a great time for us to do a short cruise to get people together and enjoy. This can be out of Miami since they presented this option as a convention item.
- Starting New Associations
 - viii. Oklahoma, Seattle, North Carolina in the US and in Canada, specifically, Vancouver, Alberta, Winnipeg, Edmonton, and Calgary and other areas where we have enough people to start an association, lets plan on doing it. In our next two years, we can start several associations, with all the

RVP's help. There is a requirement of 25 members and 150 miles away from nearest association.

- IT Committee
 - ix. Will get a working report from Chair Tozin Perumpalath on the accomplishments for the last two years and current status.
- Publication Committee
 - x. Will get a working report from Chair Simon Valacheryil on the accomplishments for the last two years and current status.
- Project Alert
 - xi. Dr. Divya Valipadavil will provide us with a working report on the accomplishments for the last two years and current status.
- Committees - With regards to IT committee, Publications Committee and Project Alert -- Shiju mentioned the Functional Committee's were approved at the Las Vegas NC meeting thru constitution amendments. The EC agreed to get a report from each of these committee's and will further discuss at a later executive meeting.
- Constitution Committee
 - o Will get a working report from Chair Smith Thotam on the accomplishments for the last two years and current status .
- KCCNA Office in India
 - xii. President state the purpose of the office is to create our Knanaya Times, have a spokesperson there for our charity work and for people in India to come to the office to find out about KCCNA info. This office will be helpful to all the Knanayas living in USA and Canada for their needs. President stated he has a place in India, free of charge, all we need is to purchase a computer, hire an office secretary, and pay utilities, which will be a minimal charge. There was discussions around the length of time if its short term or is it a long term project, President clarified it's a long term project. Additionally, if the next term executives want to continue this, current President will try to commit for them to have the office space only (no utilities) free of charge for an additional 2 years. Decision is to move forward and develop implementation steps such as hiring criteria for office secretary and budget. This agenda item has passed.
- National Prayer Day
 - xiii. Jitty will take the lead on this. It may not have to be a whole day or prayer, it can be for a short period of time. She will develop a criteria with date an time in which the community can pray as a whole. Similar event was done by KCYLNA last year during the month of May, they did a rosary hotline. Dr. Divya mentioned about that fact that we are all going thru this Pandemic which may be a good time for all of us to come together to do a prayer day. Jitty will provide more details at a later EC meeting.
- Regional Meet and Greet for Young Adults

- xiv. President congratulated Jenny for hosting 2nd Meet and Greet for youth in New York. He mentioned we need to do in other regions these two years. Its imperative for youth and young adults get together to build their bond ship. Agenda is passed.
- Knanaya History – Animation film
 - a. President said we want to create a animation film for young children on Knanaya History. Agenda has passed, details to follow.

President advised the above are ideas to be implemented in the next two years. He encouraged all RVP's to take part in these events.

7) KCCNA Accounting

- Jaimon mentioned the last National Council Meeting, there were a request by several NC members we hire an accounting firm to do a third party audit. He contacted two accounting firm, both are CPA Firms, one said they were willing and is waiting on the other one to respond. We want to bring transparency in this, hence why we would like to hire an audit firm to handle our financial records. If we are to hire a Audit firm, they can also do our taxes. Once he receives both quotes and he is looking for another firm in Tampa, he will present to the EC. Question was asked if this was in addition to our Internal Auditor, the answer is yes.

8) KCCNA PRO

- The Tampa NC already approved 2 or 3 PRO, we already have one person who volunteered, who is Simon Muttathil. EC has approved him.

9) Charity Initiatives – “Dollar for Knanaya”

- President said that this is a charity initiative, donation can be as a little as \$1 to any amount. The dream project for this administration is to build 25 houses in Kerala. We are looking at 4-5 laks per house. Jomon suggested that the person getting the house should also do a small contribution, this way they will feel they are part of the house and not get it for free. The group agreed and President said we can work out the details later, but want to get the initiative started. President said he is looking into other Charity initiatives and will inform the EC once we get more information. This agenda item is passed.

10) Knanaya Meet and Greet – NY – Update by NY RVP

- Jenny said they are planning a Knanaya Young Adults Meet and Greet on Saturday June 5th in New York. The event is for ages 23+, it's a dinner cruise Yacht for about 6 hours. The reason why they wanted to stick to ages 23+ is that they are out of college and working so they have a different mindset than ages 21+. Thus far they have 120 registrants and it's a good mix of people from different units like Dallas, Houston, Tampa, Las Vegas, Minnesota and Chicago..etc. Jenny stated that these events are great for the young adults to continue their friendship and harmony. She will keep us posted on upcoming details of the events at a future EC meeting.

10) Womens Forum Update – Dr. Divya Vallipadavil

- Dr Divya gave an update on their activities done so far this year and provided future initiatives. They are planning on hosting an zoom event for Mothers days featuring a priest from Rome. Additionally, she is also planning on the Womens Summit which she will discuss more in depth at the next meeting. We also talked about Project Deepthi Scholarship fund, Dr Divya explained how the scholarship is awarded. President offered if she needs to advertise or market, please let us know and we can put it in Knanaya Times or other medias to market this well.

11) KCYL Update – Bennett

- Bennet stated he is working two events that are on virtual platform, which is “Reconnect 30+”, want to get with the second generation to get feedback on how to bring them back to the community. The other event is Reconnect on Past Presidents, it will be similar to town hall meeting to learn from the past and create a plan for the future. After that, registration will start for Mixer 2021 on July 24th in Boston, it’s an elevated meet and greet for ages 21-25. We have mentioned the mixer to be a two-day event in which Bennet will look into. After the mixer, we have a national raffle for PS5. More plans to come and will mention more at a future EC meeting.

12) DKCC updates

- President advised that he attended a DKCC Executive Meeting this past week. In the meeting, reviewed the letter that came from the Bishop Moolakkatt which got leaked out to the public before getting further clarification from Bishop Moolakkatt. Secretary read the letter to EC members. President stated this letter does not have anything new, nor there is nothing new in this letter. Comments mentioned about having a face to face meeting or zoom instead of email to get some clarification. President said that is a good idea to move forward to meet with the bishop and assured that KCCNA will follow our constitution to keep our unity. More to come in next EC meeting.

13) RVP Round Up

- President asked how this meeting went and asked for feedback. Discussion about DKCC need to be on the top of the agenda next time as this is an important topic to discuss and understand about the future of our state. Mentioned to formulate a plan and reach out to experts on church affairs to get some clarity on the bishop letter. Also, have a face to face meeting or zoom meeting with the Bishop instead of email exchange. Additionally, we need to ensure we have open communication to the community and not keep things longer than it should be. On the positive note, Shiju applauded how we were able to discuss this many items in a short period of time,. Secretary thanked everyone for the feedback, advised the purpose of the RVP Roundup going forward is for each RVP to talk about their respected regions on events going on their regions, any issues or concerns to bring up..etc.

14) Vote of Thanks – Jitty

- Jitty Thanked all NC members to attend this meeting. She acknowledged the meeting went beyond 3 hours and thanked everyone’s patience.

President adjourned the meeting at 12:35 am Eastern Time.

