

**Mississauga Friendship Association**

**Annual General Meeting**

**Thursday, April 18, 2024 @ 6:30pm**

Mississauga Valley Community Centre, Program Room 3

**Executive Board Members:**

Mukesh Gupta President

Alene Sen Vice President

Neerja Gupta Treasurer

Jenny Chan Secretary

Ram Kumar Board Member

Rakshit Upadhyay Board Member

Xin Wen Yap Board Member

Minutes Recorder: Jenny Chan

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| Item | Information | Action |
| 1. Welcome and Call to Order | * Mukesh welcomed members and called the meeting to order at 6:45pm * Mukesh acknowledged Board Members and thanked all other members for joining the AGM * 24 in-person members joined the meeting, including Board Members * Joann presented the Land Acknowledgement |  |
| 2. Approval of Agenda | * Agenda was presented on screen and Mukesh asked for a motion to be accepted * Ram motioned to approve * Alene seconded * All in favour carried |  |
| 3. Declaration of Conflicts of Interest | None reported |  |
| 4. Approval of Past Minutes | * Minutes from April 19, 2023 AGM were circulated and posted on our website * Minutes approved as per circulation * Ram motioned to approve * Alene seconded * All in favour carried |  |
| 5. Appointment of Executive Board | 24 members present at AGM and 5 proxy votes sent in via email.  The existing executives and board members are all standing again for their respective positions, with the exception of Maria who has stepped down. Mukesh thanked her for her support over the years.  Mukesh called out to have two scrutineers to assist with the appointment of the Executive Board. Miriam and Andrew volunteered to scrutinize the process  The following existing Board Members are all standing for their respective positions:   * **Mukesh Gupta** – President Stephanie nominated; Alene seconded, motion carried * **Alene Sen** – Vice President Mary nominated; Pam seconded, motion carried * **Neerja Gupta** – Treasurer Alene nominated; Mary seconded, motion carried * **Jenny Chan** – Secretary Maria nominated; Ram seconded, motion carried   New Board Members voted in:   * **Ram Kumar** – Board Member Stephanie nominated; Pam seconded, motion carried * **Rakshit Upadhyay** – Board Member Mary nominated; Maria seconded, motion carried * **Xin Wen Yap** – Board Member Alene nominated; Kelly seconded, motion carried   No further nominations – Mary motioned to close nominations, Stephanie seconded – all in favour carried  Mukesh thanked everyone for their participation and for their continued support. |  |
| 6. Treasurer’s Report | Neerja presented the Treasurer’s Report.  Total in Bank as of December 31, 2023 – **$17,183.03**  Motion to accept and approve by Ram and seconded by Joann – all in favour carried | Refer to attached Report |
| 7. Year in Review | Joann presented the 2023 Year in Review:   * Annual General Meeting * Sakura Cherry Blossoms at Kariya Park * Picnic at Lakeside Park 30th Anniversary * Japan Festival * Indoor Cultural Program * Year End Party   Ram gave highlights from the 2023 Delegation with a slideshow presentation. |  |
| 8. Other Business | Mukesh gave an update on the Summer Delegation:   * KIFA is currently recruiting delegates; expecting to receive 6-8 delegates * Travel arrangements have been made –delegates will arrive on Friday July 26 and depart Thursday August 1 * Preliminary schedule shared, including events open to general members   Mukesh spoke of ongoing work to build the MFA website and database to capture history and to allow for more frequent communication to members.  Mukesh gave an update on the ongoing discussions with the City for our Service Agreement renewal; to be reviewed by the Board at a later time  Alene spoke on behalf of Anna Yin’s new creative project: Polyphonic celebration for Mississauga’s 50th Anniversary. Anna is asking for people to submit photos, stories or poetry which will be compiled into an e-Book. Submissions must be made by September 10, 2024. |  |
| 9. Date of Next General Meeting | Sunday April 21 from 12:00 to 2:00pm  Cherry Blossom viewing at Kariya Park  Thursday June 20 from 6:30 to 9:30pm  Huron Park CC Meeting Room A  Cultural Program |  |
| 10. Adjournment | Official meeting adjourned at 7:40pm  Mary motioned to adjourn and Joann seconded |  |