

IUSD Meeting Minutes  
January 11, 2009

Attendees: Sanjay Kumar, Santosh Umapathy, Deepa Gundakaram, Anu Kasat, Ashwini Bachavala, Nisha Lodhavia, OP Gupta

Next Meeting: March 8, 2009 at 2pm at Anu's house

1. **Sanjay opening meeting**
2. **Marketing** – Deepa volunteered to in charge of marketing i.e. call Dover Post to put IUSD events in the community calendar
  - a. Announce Spring Festival
3. **Sheperd's Place** – December 20 at Riley Brown Elementary
  - a. Kudo's to YC for a job well-done!
4. **Youth Committee By-laws** – Santosh Umpathy
  - a. 20-25 kids
  - b. Kids wanted service hours without participation – to correct this YC established formal rules to collect hours etc.
  - c. **By-laws – see attached**
  - d. Want to include more cultural activities – nothing formal, thinking about discussions about culture, religion and movies.
  - e. Establishing tutoring program for other Indian kids in the community
  - f. Suggestion was made by Anu to ask YC members to engage kids in games, coloring, etc at functions. Santosh will attempt to organize this for a future event.
  - g. Voting procedures for YC officers – need two IUSD Executive Committee members in addition to Santosh, as youth coordinator, be present for elections and will be allowed to vote. Candidates will make a presentation for their position before voting takes place – similar to debate format. **Elections will be on January 24 at 5pm. OP and Sanjay will represent Executive Committee.**
  - h. YC meetings are becoming more productive – meetings are once/month
  - i. To join B&G Club, each family has to pay \$15/annually for use of their facilities.
  - j. Any decisions made by YC must be approved by the Executive Committee. The procedure is for the YC coordinator to send information via email to the Secretary for dissemination to Executive Committee Officers.
  - k. YC By-laws need to be approved with the following amendments:
    1. Grade requirement will be 7<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> for participation
    2. Must be actively involved for one year before taking office
    3. Seniors CANNOT run for office

5. Spring Festival
  - a. Santosh will call halls for dates and pricing (Camden-Wyoming, Wesley, new Elks Lodge, Dover High, Elks Lodge, Delaware Ag Museum, Dover Downs)
  - b. Before deciding the hall, executive members will go to the hall to confirm size, etc.
  - c. Dates will be May 2<sup>nd</sup>, May 9<sup>th</sup> (rehearsal one week prior)
  - d. Nisha will coordinate cultural part of show
  - e. Deepa and Anu will organize food
  - f. YC will organize bake sale for YC
  - g. Changes in format – start with Jana Gana Mana (coordinated by Santosh)
  - h. Jatan will coordinate a comedy play with adults
  - i. Suchi will sing
  - j. YC will be required to participate via dancing, recitation of poems, short comedy, fashion show
  - k. Will send out flyer and emails asking for participants (first come first serve) – RSVP by February 28th
  - l. Sanjay and OP will make flyer and mail out by January 31<sup>st</sup>
6. Treasurer – Manisha will not be able to take this position so Jatan has agreed to become treasurer
  - a. Nisha will hand over paper work and CD with Money account
7. IUSD Survey
  - a. Discussed ways to elicit feedback about IUSD events and costs and maximize responses
  - b. 36 random families from Kent County and 2 families each from Sussex and New Castle will be mailed cover letter and survey
  - c. Will follow up with phone calls (only those who did not return survey) after one week of mailing – information from Executive Members have to be returned to Nisha by January 26th
  - d. OP in charge of writing cover letter and do mailings by Wednesday, January 14<sup>th</sup>
  - e. OP will assign names to Executive Committee members (Sanjay, Santosh, OP, Jatan, Deepa, Anu and Ashwini) to follow
  - f. Sanjay will edit survey and has *randomly* decided families
  - g. Nisha will be doing the analysis – to be finished by January 31<sup>st</sup>