

ZAH ENTERTAINMENT SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT - 2017 AGM

Summary of Main Events:

All proceeds collected at all the events are given to the ZAH. The dollars for the fiscal year will be shown in the ZAH Treasurer's report.

Jashn-e-Sadeh was celebrated successfully with estimated 200 people. Prayers, Bon Fire, Potluck dinner of 80 plus dishes and then dancing to the Persian music by the DJ provided by Bob & Carolyn Yazdani. All the work to keep this tradition alive is well worth it.

Super Bowl and potluck was enjoyed by 45 people at the center. Exciting game, half time show, unique commercials and a lavish pot luck.

The sixth annual Ava Parab jashan took place at the residence of Shahnaz & Yazdi Sidhwa. Jashan, immersion of dal poli followed by pot luck snacks and tea. The explanation of the history, tradition and significance of water in Zoroastrianism by Ervad Bahmanshah Sanjana is always interesting.

The Fasli Navroze Humbandagi was held at the Rothko Chapel. Fasli Navroze event, the Carnival and the Dal Poli making event was cancelled due to construction and upgrade of the center. Picnic could not be planned due to weather issues.

Shehanshahi Navroze function was celebrated with 265 guests. A spectacular performance by Sunday school children, songs and dance by our own folks. Dinner followed by dancing with the DJ provided by Bob & Carolyn Yazdani.

Two Gahambars were celebrated this year. The Maidhyarem gahambar (Dae Mahino) was a non-sponsored gahambar attended by 210 people. As always our members generously came forward with donations which enabled us to keep the cost of the gahambars low. The Fasli Mehrgan and Maediozarem gahambar was sponsored by the generosity of eight families and was attended by est. 243 people. Heartfelt thanks to the sponsors.

A few members of our committee had also helped during the Fezana AGM, Z camp Master Chef competition, Aatash Kadeh groundbreaking and the ZAH AGM.

Function Costs:

The Entertainment Committee has worked very hard to keep the costs to the minimal for all functions. They present a budget to the ZAH EC for every function. The Expense includes pre and post cleaning of the center, security officers, maids, cost of food, paper products, other services, factor 22% operating cost to be given to ZAH on total expense of the event, PayPal cost, etc.

Though the Entertainment Committee charges for the event according to the budget presented, all events generate more revenue due to some donations, etc. and zah gets a decent amount from the events. This year the amount given to zah was way down due to construction and upgrade of the center and uncertainty of some repair work.

Thanks:

The Entertainment Team is very grateful to the following:

Web Team for the ZAH RSVP setup and follow up reports for all functions.

Ms. Khursheed Dastur and Ms. Arna Sethna for the eblasts and Manashni articles.

Maintenance Committee for pre & post cleaning and security per our request.

Members paying via PayPal or those who send checks to the Center before the function.

This helps avoid lines at the registration desk and makes accounting less cumbersome.

Ervad Khushrav Nariman who coordinates the prayers with all Ervads

ZAH EC for their support - Each month the Entertainment Committee keeps the Executive Committee informed of their event planning.

Our Treasurer, Mitra Khumbatta for bringing checks/cash for the event, paying bills of the vendors and other accounting which is a lot of work.

All members who donate generously, all our dedicated Ervads, Sunday school children, Youth, Sunday school teachers, parents and all the volunteers for their time and help at every function. Again everything is possible only because of the involvement and the generosity of our community.

The 2017 members of the Entertainment Committee were Zia Anklesaria, Nozer Dungor, Farrokh Firozgary, Arzin Italia, Yasmin Medhora, Fiona Setna and Tenaz Sunavala.

We would like a couple of parents from the Middle group, young Sunday school group and the Youth group to join our Committee and share new ideas. We will continue to serve our members and strive to bring a good mix of fun and culture, which every community member can enjoy and afford.

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