

ZAH ENTERTAINMENT SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT for the 2014 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 a lot of fun and festivity by 375 individuals. The celebrations started with the prayers and later the crowd enjoyed singing and dancing to the Persian music around the three small fires. The sirog and osh prepared by our Iranian Zarthushti families was delicious. Thanks to Bob Yazdani and family and all Iranian Zarthushti members who contributed towards the expense of this event. Also thanks to the Pashootanzadeh family for donating dozens of door prizes for this event. The hard work to keep this tradition alive is well worth it.

The Carnival marks the annual celebration of the Center. This event is always a grand success because of the involvement of the whole community - Sunday school children and their parents, attendees, donors and our ever willing hard working volunteers.

Our two Navroze functions, Fasli and Shehanshahi were each attended by about 330-360 persons. We are very thankful to Arna Sethna and our Ervads who have always dedicated their time to the community for the humbandagi prayers and the maachi after that. Our children, youth and adults displayed their talents and entertained the attendees at the Fasli event. The live band "David & Friends" kept the dance floor packed. For the August function, a truly traditional sagan nu atmosphere was achieved with chawk, toran, festive songs and parsi dinner. Raffle hamper from Sillie & Jehanbux Mehta added to the event kitty. Tarkash Entertainment was brought from California through the contributions of several donors. The dance floor was packed with the young and the young at heart.

Two Gahambar were celebrated this year. Our biggest thanks to our Ervads who dedicate their time to pray at the gahambar. The talk on the meaning of the gahambar is always well received by the attendees. Also thanks to our Youth group for their real time explanation of the jashan prayers. Thanks to Ervad Khushrav Nariman who coordinates the prayers with the Ervads. The Maidhyarem gahambar was sponsored by the generosity of Arnavaz Godiwalla family in memory of her late husband Adil. It was well attended by 364 individuals. We would like to thank Shahnaz & Shadpoor Farkish and Parvin & Mehraban Dinyarian and all contributors for their generous donation for the Fasli Mehrgan & Mediozarem gahambar.

The third annual Ava Parab jashan took place this year in March. Thanks to the family of Ronnie & Elvia Patel to open their house to the community for the jashan and providing snacks and tea. The explanation of the history, tradition and significance of water in Zoroastrianism by Ervad Bahmanshah Sanjana was very interesting. A dal pori was immersed in the water after the prayers.

The 6th Dar Ni Pori Bake-A-Thon to observe the Avan mahino and Avan roj was a great success. Roshan and Yezdi Engineer spearhead this event each year. 124 poris were made by 40 participants. The volunteers enjoy working and at the same time having fun. An abundant lunch and snacks are served.

The ZAH Fitness program introduced by Tenaz Sunavala is gaining momentum. It is held at the Center on the Sunday school day each month. It is a mix of simple exercises, which includes low and high impact aerobics, incorporating Zumba and Bollywood moves. The ZAH Picnic in November will be a fun event. The Entertainment Committee also puts together the initial events calendar for the year.

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 Revenue shown in the budget is the charge of the event to the families. For Gahambar only, the donation pledges requested is also included in the revenue. 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. We are very pleased to inform you that with the generosity of most of you donating some extra amount towards the event, we have been able to help ZAH with a very decent amount this year.

Closing:

The Entertainment Team is very grateful to the Web Team for the ZAH RSVP setup for all functions. Thanks to Ms. Khursheed Dastur and Ms. Arna Sethna for the eblasts and Manashni articles they send for our committee. Thanks also to the Maintenance Committee who gets the hall cleaned & setup done before and after the function according to our request. We thank all members who pay via PayPal or send checks to the Center before the function. It helps avoid lines at the registration desk and makes accounting less cumbersome. A big thank you to Farrokh Firozgary for providing free DJ service for our functions for the last so many years.

Each month the Entertainment Committee keeps the Executive Committee informed of their event planning. We thank the ZAH EC for their support. We also would like to thank all the members who donate generously, all our dedicated Ervads, the 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. Last but not the least, we would like to thank our hard working Treasurer, Kayo Sidhwa for his promptness in informing us the account status of each event, bringing checks/cash for the event, paying bills of the vendors and keeping our committee informed of the PayPal account, checks received, etc. This is a lot of work for each event.

The 2014 members of the Entertainment Committee were Faredun Bhader, Nozer Dungor, Roshan Engineer, Farrokh Firozegary, Yasmin Medhora, Fiona Setna and Tenaz Sunavala. Starting November 2014, Tehmi Dastoor and Zia Anklesaria will join our team. Feredun Bhader will leave the committee. We would like to thank Feredun for helping this committee for so many years. He will be missed. Please feel free to share your ideas with our committee. We want a couple of parents of our Middle group, young Sunday school group and the Youth group to join various ZAH Sub-Committees.

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