

## Annual General Meeting Filipino Seniors of Mississauga

Date: 27 November 2021

Start of the meeting: 2:20 pm

Location: Mississauga Valley Community Centre

Attendance: 43 members

### I. The President's Report

*"Welcome to our Annual General Meeting. I would like to start by giving recognition to those members who are no longer with us. May they rest in peace.*

*To our five main committees: program, membership, fundraising, sunshine and food: your hard work has not gone unnoticed. On behalf of all members of the Filipino Seniors of Mississauga, thank you for your contributions into making this a strong and supportive group.*

*2021 Covid-19 came about and had an impact on our activities.*

*Another thank you to Luz Aguilar, Archie Ayala, Linda Javier, Carmen Leon who lead us in having squeezed in three important picnics. The first one happening on August 4 and was so well attended and everyone had a great time. Second one was on August 25 and we had a special guest in Hazel McCallion who did the twist with Willy (Leon). That scene was priceless! Rechie Valdez and her campaign manager dropped by to introduce her candidacy for Liberal MP. (She was successful in getting elected). Abby Mina came and we did the Low Impact Zumba. Attendance to this venue was 56 persons. We followed this with a third picnic on the 8<sup>th</sup> of September. Ram and Coy were celebrating their wedding anniversary on this very same day. Again, we top it off with Abbyon the Zumba.*

*We subsidized the KCCC Walkathon Fundraising and were able to have 42 members attending. We donated \$900 to this event. Some walked, some socialized and many participated in the line dancing.*

*We thank our beloved treasurer Carmen Leon with her tireless dedication in keeping our finances fully updated, accurate and transparent. I also wholeheartedly giving thanks to our Officers in keeping our organization well organized and greatly operated.*

*We have not used our facility at the Mississauga Valley Community Centre due to Covid-19 and thankfully our allotted times were restored courtesy with the help of Chris Fonseca via Diana Carella, her aide.*

*We, the Filipino Seniors of Mississauga is a very special group. Through our adventures, we have built strong relationships. Our goal of creating new friends and enhancing old friendships, has been reached. And in order to sustain the power of this wonderful group, we shall continue to demonstrate our resolve"*

II. Statement of Operations

**Filipino Seniors of Mississauga**  
**STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS**  
**For Fiscal Year Ending 30 Sep 2021**

Profit and Loss  
Unaudited

2021

**REVENUES:**

Fundraising	\$40.00
Gala Night/DD	\$0.00
Dance	\$0.00
New Year's Eve	\$0.00
Donations	\$0.00
Membership Fees	\$200.00
Trips	\$0.00
Other Income	<u>\$0.00</u>
	<u>\$240.00</u>

**EXPENSES:**

Community Programs	\$1,500.00
Autumn Fest	\$0.00
Trips- Fallsview, Fatima, Others	\$0.00
Advertising	\$0.00
Food	\$1,311.30
Bank Charges	\$0.00
Office and General	\$0.00
Fundraising Expenses	\$0.00
Miscellaneous Expenses and Petty Cash	<u>\$349.52</u>
	<u>\$3,160.82</u>

**EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES**

-\$2,920.82

III. The Treasurer, Carmen Leon, reported the Cash Flow

**Cash Flow**

Cash Beginning of the Year	\$11,881.09
Excess of Revenues over Expenditures	<u>-\$2,920.82</u>
Cash End of the Year September 30, 2021	<u><u>\$8,960.27</u></u>
Adjust Membership Fee	<u>_____</u>
Cash Beginning of the Year October 1, 2021	<u><u>\$8,960.27</u></u>

We also thanked the City of Mississauga for the accommodations accorded us. This amount to approximately \$4,000 mostly free use of Mississauga Valley Community Center facilities.

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IV. Diego Kalaw Linan requested permission from the Chair and the entire membership to speak. Permission was granted.

Diego mentioned the threat of the Omicron variant, the expertise and good relations that Cesar and the current set of officers have established with different organizations and government and as well as quasi government offices.

Further, Diego expressed the possibility of a new government control mandate to contain Omicron and the possible need for a new set of FSM officers to struggle to learn the ropes and establish new connections with the offices that Cesar and the present officers have already connected with.

He asked the general membership in attendance if it would be wise to extend the tenure of Cesar and the current set of officers for at least a year or until Omicron is contained.

After deliberations, 3 actions were decided upon by the general membership in attendance:

- a) For the body to vote if the extension of tenure will be approved or not with a simple YES or NO vote.
- b) If the Yes vote wins to extend the tenure of the present Officers, each officer will be asked if they are willing to continue to serve. An election will then be held for the specific positions of those who decide not to continue.
- c) If the NO vote wins, not to extend the tenure of the present officers, then a general election for all the positions will be held.

Ruffy Romano, Ding Tesoro, as well as Peter Santos likewise expressed their respective inputs.

Luis Carbonell, one of the Election Commissioners, then instructed that the VOTE MUST BE DONE WITH A SECRET BALLOT which basically made official and sanctioned the agreed course of action.

The vote was held with 29 YES and 12 NAYS.

*Rene Sevilla arrived late for the AGM and inquired from the floor what this YES and NO voting was all about. Chito Carbonell of COMELEC replied that it was about extending the tenure of the current set of officers in view of the pandemic situation that we are in.*

*Rene then raised a question if what was being voted on was within the FSM CBL framework? He even shared, that he voted YES to the votation just conducted.*

*Diego took the floor said that the FSM CBL is silent on the matter of extending tenure of office. Interjecting that with it being silent in the CBL there is no violation. Means, it can be allowed as well as not allowed. Diego brought up his points as well as on the motion that he raised earlier, the reason for the voting on the YES and NO extending the tenure of office.*

*Rene mentioned that being silent on the CBL does not necessarily mean we can just vote on the extension of tenure of office. There is a need to update the CBL to incorporate such a provision if such is the case. Rene said since the term of office of the current officers is due to expire, might as well have the planned election of officers.*

*Jess likewise took the floor to express his reasons and support to extend the tenure of office for the current officers since FSM is just a small organization and can be flexible to adopt changes.*

*From the ensuing meeting events, COMELEC seemed to have disregarded the YES and NO votations conducted earlier and proceeded to open the floor for nomination for the various Board of Directors positions for FSM.*

## V. The Election of FSM Board of Directors were held

### A. Election Commissioners:

1. Luis Carbonell
2. Resty Del Rosario

### B. Board of Directors:

President:	Peter Santos	Nominated/Acclaimed
Ist Vice President:	Jo Mari Azarraga	Nominated/Acclaimed
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President:	Chit Romano	Nominated/Acclaimed
Secretary:	Rene Sevilla	Volunteered
Asst. Secretary:	Sonny Autea	Volunteered
Treasurer:	Lydia Bernardino	Volunteered
Asst Treasurer:	Dinah Millano*	Nominated/Acclaimed
Auditor:	Jess Paladio	Nominated/Acclaimed
Asst. Auditor:		To be filled
PRO: (2)	Mila Santos	Nominated/Acclaimed
		To be filled
Special Service Off:	Ding Tesoro	Nominated/Acclaimed
Property Custodian:		To be filled
Board of Directors:	Vangie Alcasid	
	Ruffy Romano	

Rodel Meier

Dinah Milano\*      Remove/To be filled

Luz Aguilar

Nora Nunez

Cesar Cruz

Archie Ayala

\*Note: Dinah Millano prefers to be Assistant Treasurer and the vacancies should be filled right away by the newly elected officers.

Prepared by Sonny Autea and Chit Romano which includes updated information provided by FSM members