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**General Meeting  
May 01, 2021**

**Minutes**

Zoom meeting (10:09 a.m.): Present: Roger and Ichie Diaz, Nory and Mayette Ison, Joy and Conrad Landicho, Johnny Abilay, Leizl Sympatico, Pan and Julie Belo, Odette Ledesma and Ian Ward, Joe Anne Ona, Raquel and Napo Baguisi, Luisa Yee, Rose Derro, Cesar Bautista and Dolly Velasco

- I. Minutes approved and seconded.
- II. Report on Student Loans (for the period ending December 31, 2020) – Johnny
  - Fund) UPLBAAA LEO-JMH (Leo E. Oliva and Josefina Malang Hsiao) SELF (Student Emergency Loan
    - Initial deposit 2011 – P505,560
    - Balance as of December 31, 2020 – P617,807.04
  - UPLBAGA Lifetime Members SELF (UPLBAGA LIME-SELF)
    - Initial deposit 2011 – P1,085,000.00
    - Balance as of December 31, 2020 – P1,158,350.14

Johnny emphasized that these are not just scholarships but are student loans and are therefore making money through interests from the loans and the bank.

Roger will contact Mr. Cicero Penaflor, Student Loans and Claims Coordinator regarding the new document requirements for the Anti-Money Laundering Act and the Terrorism Prevention and Suppression Act. The executive officers will assist him in complying with the requirements. Dolly volunteered to contact the VP of PNB-UPLB Branch regarding these requirements.
- III. Donations for food sustenance of covid victims
 

Mayette noted that this project is not necessarily for the UPLB campus, staff and students but for the communities surrounding UPLB. Ichie added that a lot of the employees, staff, professors and students live in the communities surrounding UPLB and that supporting the hard-hit areas contributes to the well-being of the campus during the pandemic. Everyone exchanged personal stories on how people they know are affected by the pandemic and everyone agreed that we need to send donations for food instead of vaccines (brought up by Dolly). Vaccines are beyond our capabilities.

Roger suggested channeling the donations through Dr. Danny Cardenas, former Director of PCAARRD (Philippine Council for Agricultural and Aquatic Resources Research and Development). Ichie did her Balik-Scientist stint during his term and he is Roger's and Johnny's Vanguard brod.

Dolly suggested working with Dr. Ruben Villareal's (former Chancellor) Gawad Kalinga. Dolly added that he is a sociologist and has been working with the needy families in the area. Odette added that she is familiar with the work of Gawad Kalinga, addressing the needs of the poorest of the poor. Rose reminded everyone that we are trying to help covid victims, those who don't have access to food because they are quarantined or don't have work because of covid. Dolly will contact Dr. Villareal if he is amenable to channeling our donations through his program.

Mayette will ask Dr. Ann Gironella to gather more information about these two programs to help us decide through which channel we will send our donations.

Everyone agreed that we can dip in the UPLBAGA coffer. Ichie suggested giving \$500, the same amount we gave students trapped on campus during the lockdown at the start of the pandemic and everyone agreed. Donations from those who want to help can send checks to Mayette for any amount (no deadline). Mayette will coordinate with Dr. Gironella regarding transfer and disbursement of funds.

Roger will notify members of the course of action.
- IV. Picnic
 

Slated for September. Details will be sent out later.

Mayette suggested San Ramon Park where we have been holding our picnics for years. There was some discussion about gathering in public safely, in light of the Asian hate crimes. Mayette said that the park is a safe area.

Joy suggested holding it at a beach, i.e., Santa Cruz beach. Ichie volunteered to work with Joy in getting more information about this possible venue.

V. Silver Anniversary

Mayette explained that because of the uncertainty with the new covid variants, it might be difficult to make arrangements and commitments ahead of time. It might be better to just celebrate it during the Christmas Party.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:14 a.m.

