

## **Karenni National Day's Report**

**June 22-23, 2013**

**Location: St. Paul, Minnesota, U.S.A**

**Report date: July 8, 2013**

### **Introduction**

St. Paul, Minnesota hosted 138<sup>th</sup> anniversary of joint Karenni National Day Celebration on June 22-23, 2013.

This joint National Day celebration was held with the purpose of gathering Karenni people from different part of United States once a year, honoring our formal homeland history and forming a stronger social connection by having sport activity, cultural and musical shows during the 2 days celebration.

Around 1200 Karenni from different part of the United States joined the celebration in St. Paul, MN. States that participated in the Karenni National Day celebration were Michigan, Illinois, Wisconsin, Iowa, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Colorado, Kentucky, and Taxes.

Some of those mentioned states participated in discussion of planning, organizing and sending donation for the Karenni National Day celebration base on the size of population and participation.

This joint celebration could not have been done successfully without a great support from Karenni fellow from mentioned states, Karenni families in St. Paul, Minnesota, St. Bernard parish and Community School of Excellence.

Karenni National Day Organizing Committee would like to express our sincere gratitude and appreciation toward all Karenni fellows, St. Bernard parish and Community School of Excellence for supporting this Karenni National Day celebration.

Sincerely,

Karenni National Day's event organizing committee

### **Positive outcome of the celebration**

- 138<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Karenni National Day was able to host more participants than last year. Around 1,200 Karenni joined the 2-day event.
- Able to read out Karenni National Day statement both in Karenni and Burmese languages at celebration ceremony. English language handout distribution.
- More sports teams participated in male soccer, cane ball, and female volley ball at the 2-day tournament.
- Majority of the tournament's participants took part in the event with their positive attitude and friendliness.
- Karenni youth presented group songs, cultural dances and musical talents. The evening show was a big turned out.
- Facility venues located within 3 miles around in St. Paul area and easy to drive around.
- Food accommodation venue at St. Bernard's Gym was able to keep all people in without going hunger.
- Adult and youth were effectively took part in cooking and directing Karenni guests from other states to different houses, food accommodation center, soccer field and ceremony venues.
- St. Paul, Minnesota youth were able to keep the soccer field clear and clean right after the tournament was completed.

### **Counterproductive condition**

- Tournament was not able to get it done by June 22, 2013 as expected or scheduled.
- Bad weather delay the tournament for more than an hour on June 22, 2013 and tournament was not able to start until 7 AM.
- Soccer game organizing did not have well prepared referees and linemen for soccer, cane ball and volley ball tournament.
- Sport organizing committee had to find referees and linemen during the tournament.
- Soccer venue did not have enough rest room or toilets to accommodate the tournament's participants.
- One soccer and volley ball team was not happy with referee's decisions and procedures walked out of the game.
- Evening ceremony was not able to start on time as expected schedule, since event participants had to take time for food and take shower after playing sports, and navigate around new city to ceremony held location.
- There was some shortage of cooks on Sunday morning as the tournament expended toward the next day, June 23, 2013.
- Some youth were drinking bear at parking lot at night and that created some concerns for host residence.

## Recommendations

Base on counterproductive condition, future event will need more precisely organized. Organizing committee has to pay more attention to counterproductive condition and how the committee would needs to address those issues and prepare to deal with potential conflict and problem base on this year and previous year's experiences. General recommendations will be as the following;

- Organizing committee needs to have sport rules and procedures on paper and present the paper rules and procedures to all coaches or team captains on how the committee will make decision, if there is a conflict.
- Each team or group needs to have a written plan and present its plan to tournament participants or event participants prior to event start or take place. Giving enough information before event start will get the floor moving smoothly.
- Keeping positive attitudes will build a stronger commination and friendly environment and friendship.
- Understanding the nature of event organizing and know how to deal with stress will keep us away from negative influence while organizing the event.
- Do not let our emotion ruin our decision, when we are facing something that is unfair and injustice. Resolve any conflict base on rule and procedures by communicating effectively and positively rather than walk out of the game and stay under negative influences.
- Take full responsibility to finish or complete the tasks that are assigned to each of us.
- Each state needs to comply with organizing committee meeting decision and action plan.

## Financial report

Karenni National Day organizing committee received total amount of **\$11,670.41** from states of WI, NE, SD, TX, KY, IL, IA and MN. Other remaining states made their contribution through soccer tournament registration fees, volley ball and cane ball fees.

The amount of the donation spent **\$10,652.15** in food, sports materials, sport prize awards, facility rent, church donation, security fee to St. Paul Police and transportation.

Balance of the donation is **\$1,018.26**. According to the last committee, we decided to keep this balance for fund raising purpose. We will have to organize another meeting and how and who should keep and what type of fund raising we should do next.

Details financial income and expenditure report sees attached documents.

### A) Received donation by states

No	Name	City/ State	Phone No	Amount	Date	Remark
1	Maria	Milwaukee, WI	414-350-0138	\$ 770.41	5/20/2013	Last year KIND fund balance
2	Maria	Milwaukee, WI	414-350-0138	\$ 680.00	5/20/2013	
3	Saw Reh	Omaha, NE		\$600	6/3/2013	
4	Sur Doh Htoo	Rockford, IL		\$ 500.00	6/22/2013	
5	Pa Maw	Waterloo, IA	313-514-8035	\$ 970.00	6/22.2013	
6	Pleh Reh	Bowling Green, KY	270-454-8443	\$ 250.00	6/22/2013	
7	Lu Kayahphu	Amarillo, TX	806-341-6812	\$ 500.00	6/22/2013	
8	Klaw Reh	Siouxfall, SD		\$ 500.00	6/6/2013	
9	St Paul, MN	St Paul, MN		\$ 1,000.00	6/22/2013	
10	Unknown	Michigan		\$ -	6/22/2013	
11	Unknown	Kansas		\$ -	6/22/2013	
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Total Amount \$ 5,770.41

### B) Soccer registration fee

1	Saw Reh	Omaha, NE		\$ 300.00	6/3/2013	
2	Unknown	St Paul, MN		\$ 300.00	6/22/2012	
3	Unknown	WI		\$ 300.00	6/22/2012	
4	Unknown	Rockford, IL		\$ 300.00	6/22/2012	
5	Unknown	Michigan		\$ 300.00	6/22/2012	
6	Unknown	Colorado		\$ 300.00	6/22/2012	
7	Unknown	Waterloo, IA		\$ 300.00	6/22/2012	
8	Unknown	Mashall town, IA		\$ 300.00	6/22/2012	
9	Unknown	Demoin, IA -1		\$ 300.00	6/22/2012	
10	Unknown	Demoin, IA -2		\$ 300.00	6/22/2012	
11	Unknown	Kansas		\$ 300.00	6/22/2012	
12	Unknown	KY		\$ 300.00	6/22/2012	
13	Unknown	KnCT		\$ 300.00	6/22/2012	
14	Unknown	Amarillo, TX		\$ 300.00	6/22/2012	

Total Amount \$ 4,200.00

**C) Volley Ball  
registration fee**

1	Unknown	Omaha, NE		\$ 100.00	6/3/2013	
2	Unknown	St Paul, MN-1		\$ 100.00		
3	Unknown	St Paul, MN -2		\$ 100.00		
4	Unknown	St Paul, MN -3		\$ 100.00		
5	Unknown	WI		\$ 100.00		
6	Unknown	Rockford, IL		\$ 100.00		
7	Unknown	Kansas		\$ 100.00		
8	Unknown	IA		\$ 100.00		
9	Unknown	SD		\$ 100.00		
10	Unknown	Colorado		\$ 100.00		

Total Amount \$ 1,000.00

**D) Cane ball registration  
fee**

1	Unknown	MN -1		\$ 50.00		
2	Unknown	MN-2		\$ 50.00		
3	Unknown	MN-3		\$ 50.00		
4	Unknown	WI		\$ 50.00		
5	Unknown	Rockford, IL		\$ 50.00		
6	Unknown	IA-1		\$ 50.00		
7	Unknown	IA-2		\$ 50.00		
8	Unknown	TX-1		\$ 50.00		
9	Unknown	TX-2		\$ 50.00		
10	Unknown	TX-3		\$ 50.00		
11	Kayahliphu			\$ 50.00		
12	Unknown	KY		\$ 50.00		
13	Unknown	NE		\$ 50.00		
14	Unknown			\$ 50.00		

Total Amount \$ 700.00

Total of Amount from all pages \$ **11,670.41**

## 2) Expenditure

### A) Food and Kitchen materials

No	Categories	Amount	Remark
1	2 pigs	\$ 378.00	
2	40 Chicken	\$ 200.00	
3	Drinking Water	\$ 199.80	
4	Food at Dragon Star	\$ 342.66	
5	Potatoes at double dragon	\$ 36.87	
6	Food at Little Burma	\$ 53.93	
7	White Rice	\$ 483.56	
8	Food at Double Dragon 2	\$ 239.85	
9	Sam's Club	\$ 36.34	
10	Hmong Market	\$ 490.00	
11	Golden Karen	\$ 29.90	
12	Fruit	\$ 186.00	
13	Fork, spoon & tray	\$ 24.12	
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Total

2701.03

### B) Sport purchasing items

1	String Machine & paint	\$ 170.33	
2	Sport materials at Menard	\$ 30.58	
3	Sport materials at Menard	\$ 33.06	
4	Caneball net at 88 oriental	\$ 37.21	
5	Sport materials at Menard	\$ 37.34	
6	Golden Karen(2cane ball)	\$ 25.00	
7	Volley net at sports authority	\$ 74.98	
8	Sport materials at Kmart	\$ 104.11	
9	Trash bag & gloves at Kmart	\$ 26.12	
10	Sport Material at Kmart	\$ 15.39	
11	Sport Field rented	\$ 455.00	

12	Soccer 1 <sup>st</sup> prize	\$ 2,000.00	MN-Male
13	Soccer 2 <sup>nd</sup> prize	\$ 1,400.00	IA-DM-Male
14	Volley ball 1 <sup>st</sup> prize	\$ 450.00	MN-Female
15	Volley ball 2 <sup>nd</sup> prize	\$ 350.00	Kansas-female
16	Caneball 1 <sup>st</sup> prize	\$ 300.00	IA-Male
17	Caneball 2 <sup>nd</sup> prize	\$ 250.00	MN-Male
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Total \$ 5,759.12

**C) Security fee to St. Paul police and Star Security**

1	Star Security	\$ 50.00	
2	St Paul Police for KND security	\$ 800.00	
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Total \$ 850.00

**D) Transportation**

1	Transportation cost for KND event organizing	\$ 280.00	
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Total \$ 280.00

**F) Facilities Fee**

1	Como Park HS Auditorium rent	\$ 762.00	
2	St Bernard church donation	\$ 300.00	

Total 1062

Total of Amount for all pages **\$10,652.15**

Financial Report

3) Balance

No	Category	Amount
1	Total Amount Received	\$ 11,670.41
2	Total Amount Expenses	\$ 10,652.15

Total Amount Balance \$ **1,018.26**

Administered and Financed By: Tee Reh

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