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**THE MINUTES OF THE LIGHT MILLENIUM BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

**Date:** February 18, 2015-**Time:** 4:30 PM-6:30 PM

**Meeting Place:** 17 Lexington Avenue, NY, 10010

**Room 508 (5<sup>th</sup>Floor at Baruch College)**

**Host:** Professor Sultan Catto

**Attendees – Board of Directors:**

Ms. Bircan Ünver, *President*

H.E. Ambassador Carlos Garcia Gonzalez, *Vice President*

Dr. Hande Subaşilar, *General Secretary by proxy*

Mr. İsa Alemdağ, *On-line Board Member by proxy*

Assoc. Prof. Sebahattin Devecioğlu, *Coordinator of the Youth & Support Committee*

**Guest:** Mrs. Gül Türkmenoğlu

**Absent:** Mújgan Hedges, Treasurer

**Meeting notes were taken by** Gul Turkmenoglu

**Reviewed by** Bircan Ünver

1. President Bircan Ünver welcomed the board members and introduced Gül Türkmenoğlu to the members. She informed the members that Ms. İsa Alemdağ and Hande Subaşilar have sent their proxies for the meeting through LMBOD online on Feb. 17, 2015 (via yahoo/google groups).
2. Meeting was called to order at 4:45 PM and Ambassador Carlos Garcia was elected unanimously as the Chair of the meeting.
3. The 2. Draft agenda prepared by Bircan Ünver on February 17, 2015 was adopted with no objections.
4. Financial status was declared by Pres. Ünver as of December 31<sup>st</sup>; \$423.55 and as of February 18; \$446.05. She informed that there is \$6.00 monthly banking service on the account. FINANCIAL STATUS – declared by the President Ünver as follow:  
1) December 31, 2014 (as of) = \$413.55 2) as of Feb. 18, 2015: \$446.05
5. Pres. Ünver talked about the membership options via NYCharities.org. There are four donation options New Moon, \$1/year, Crescent \$6/year and Full Moon \$12/year, Beyond the Moon or any other donations can also be made through this web site <<http://www.nycharities.org/app/lightmillennium/>> for **an open on-line membership** to the organization.
6. Ambassador Garcia suggested that The Light Millennium should come up with new initiatives for funding.
  - a. **Suggestion:** A friendly soccer game and work shop on soccer between Turkish community and El Salvador community. Participants will pay a small fee what will go to the organization  
**Action:** Assoc. Prof. Sebahattin Devecioğlu will send in a draft propose two friendly



games and/or a workshop for the UN International Sport and Youth Day. Details to be determined further. Detailed to be determined based upon the draft proposal.

- b. Suggestion for on-line open Membership: An informative one-page flyer explaining the online membership as an invitation for participation to the organization should be prepared.

**Action:** Bircan Ünver is undertaken to work on a draft flyer for the cause

7. Pres. Bircan Ünver went over the draft report from the last Board Meeting (Dec. 16, 2014) to this very meeting as detailed below:

- Hande reflected her inputs for the Jan. – Dec. 2014 President/s Annual Report but it is not finalized by me yet!
- Attended UN/DPI-NGO Town Hall Meeting on December 19, 2015. Proposed an annual town hall meeting for all DPI and ECOSOC associated NGOs, and unity of the NGOs towards to UN/NGO General Assembly.
- MINUTES of the Dec. 16, 2014 Board Meeting: Approved online (Jan. 4, 2015), posted to the organization’s website under 501c3, and previously shared the following link with the BoDs:  
[http://www.lightmillennium.org/501\\_c\\_3/minutes/bod-dec-16-2014-approved-online.pdf](http://www.lightmillennium.org/501_c_3/minutes/bod-dec-16-2014-approved-online.pdf)
- Edited DREAMS FOR HUMANITY – LMTV Program – Part 1 - posted to the LM’s website on Dec. 23, 2014
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Part of the DREAMS FOR HUMANITY edited/posted for the 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the LMTV – as preview Jan. 10, 2015;
- Media Release for the Dreams for Humanity and LMTV’s 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary posted to the LM’s website on Jan. 13, 2015; and shared its link through social media: Facebook, several FB groups, LinkedIn, and Twitter
- MY ACTION – FLYER and DEADLINES updated, but its design has not finalized yet.
- Donation by Tati Garcia \$50 through NYCharities.Org in December deposited to LM’s account in January after %3 percent taken of as \$48.50
- Report on: ONLINE – MEMBERSHIP – NYCharities.Org - Except Tati Garcia’s \$50 (Dec. 2014 above, there has not been any other donations or new members since Dec. 2014.
- Volunteer Lawyers of Arts – Pro-Bono listed Under Mixed – the following case number and description refers our organization.  
14496 - On Review (<http://www.vlany.org/caselist/>) “Client, a non-profit organization, seeks assistance revising its organizational bylaws and expanding the nature of its activities.”
- ISIKBINYILI.ORG – Turkish counterpart/sister organization – Twice website hackings & Intellectual Property Violations – made official two complaints to the IC3 (Jan. 25, 2015) and to Turkey’s equivalent institution in Istanbul (Feb. 6, 2015).
- REPORT: UN DPI/NGO Briefing Proposal for the Intellectual Property or International Free Press Day – NOT APPROVED.

- 2015 UN Representatives and Activities – WEAKNESS ON THE YOUTH REP.
  - Conference INVITATION to Bircan Ünver to speak: “HISTORICAL RIGHTS AND WRONGS: WWI, TURKISH SECULARISM AND RELIGIOUS CONFLICT”, Charleston University, Ottawa, Canada, March  
 13-14, 2015 – Air fare will be covered by the conference’s organizers. However, I’ve been asked to cover the hotel accommodation.
  - Potential Event – A Tribute to late Prof. Talat S. Halman – in collaboration with Prof. Edward Foster (*Advisory Board Member*) at Stevens - Wed. May 11, 2015 – Tentatively scheduled. Expecting Defne Halman’s confirmation.
  - Conducted a video interview with H.E. Dr. Palitha T. B. Kohona, Ambassador of Sri Lanka on Sri Lanka’s progress and accomplishments on the MDGs – 2000 – 2015 period. He is returning to Sri Lanka at the end of this month.
  - LMTV: Editing of the Celebration event for the issue #31 at Julie Mardin’s Studio on October 25, 2014 is work in progress;
  - Rough editing – video interview with Ambassador Dr. Kohona is in work in progress. LMTV – MNN: No new program provided to MNN.Org in January and February 2015. LMTV – QPTV -> Dreams for Humanity Part 1 was shown on Feb. 14 ch#79 at 10.30 a.m.; and re-scheduled for Feb. 26 #channel #34 5.30pm; I’ve been informed by QPTV that Part-2 of DREAMS FOR HUMANITY will be scheduled for **March 2015**.
  - SPEECH - ATATURK – Cora Fernandez sent in converted versions of the pdf pages as word files that including pages 500-5001. The book’s total page is 700.
  - Attended to the UN/DPI NGO February 12, 2015 – (1) Transition MDGs Briefing; and also (2) UN/DPI-NGO Executive Committee meeting. For the second one, I’ve re-proposed to the DPI/NGO Executive committee to undertake the UN-NGO-GA ([www.unngoga.org](http://www.unngoga.org)) draft proposal. Also, they were soliciting ideas for their fundraising. I proposed to publish a catalogue of the associated NGOs that the catalogue could profile the NGOs based on a fee. Accordingly, it will serve both to the DPI/NGO Executive Committee and the NGOs as well. It was not welcome by the DPI/NGO Executive Committee.
  - CANAKKALE – GALLIPOLI – 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemoration – Still trying it without any result. (In the last version of the Draft Proposal; an additional idea to have the US Premiere of Russell Crowe’s film THE WATER DIVIDER’s at the UN has been added in it.)
  - As an ongoing process; currently, working on migrating ISIKBINYILI.ORG contents/website to another webhosting company.
  - Couldn’t make progress on the Lightmillennium.Org website and dedication issue so far.
8. Ambassador Garcia will present the Sustainable High School project which will be looked at through “What’s My Action Plan” . ( due by TBD)
  9. 2015 UN representative to be assigned for attending twice a month meetings and create reports for the organization’s website.
  10. Pres. Bircan Ünver is planning the join the conference in Ottawa at Charleton University on March 14 & 15.



11. The tribute Prof. Prof. S. Halman will be done at Stevens University if her daughter can collaborate with the organization and join this meeting.
12. The Light Millennium is looking for a meeting room that can accommodate up to 20/25 people for 6-8 weeks period for NUTUK/SPEECH workshop to similar the organization's earlier programs: Open Class/Reading Nights.
13. Ambassador Garcia suggested a forum amongst women in different ages and from different background to discuss informally in front of camera about "how they see the world today" from their point of view as an Woman's Day Activity. Video will be shot in a natural environment and posted after its editing is completed. Potential venue idea is discussed. Bircan is undertaken to contact with Orhan Yeğen owner of the SipSak restaurant. This program targets for the International Women Day March 8<sup>th</sup> (place TBD).
14. Pres. Bircan Ünver suggested a trip to El Salvador, end of 2015, to visit different places, meeting with the Mayor, visiting social institutions, cultural places and get acquaintance with the people.
15. Next board meeting is decided to be on Tuesday April 21<sup>st</sup> at 16:30 PM. Place: Ambassador Garcia's office South and South News: 885 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue and 47<sup>th</sup> Street. 48<sup>th</sup> Floor.
- 16. All items on the agenda were covered and the meeting was concluded at 6:45PM.**