

**YACA Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, March 22, 2011**  
**Yinghua Academy**  
**Final**

Ms. DeGeest called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

**Board Members Present**

Shane Stubblefield, Ana Ly, Serena Jones-White, Tanya Battista Crespo, Tess DeGeest, Coley Murphy, Ruth Straub and Muree Larson-Bright

**Board Members Not Present**

Todd Harmsen

**Also Attending**

Abigail Pribbenow (School Board Chair)

**New Business: YACA 501c3**

The YACA Board unanimously accepted at the March 8<sup>th</sup> meeting to become the non-profit organization of Yinghua Academy. Ms. Pribbenow stated that the best scenario to file for 501c3 status would be to continue the process started with the Yinghua Academy Foundation. This is supposed to be the quickest and most effective way to obtain the 501c3 status. Ms. Pribbenow mentioned that it is very important that we obtain non-profit status before December 31, 2011 because the Foundation has already accepted funds this year for the Lantern Festival. The fee to file a name change is \$35. YACA Board members present accepted this proposal.

Elections were discussed briefly at the meeting. YACA Board members agreed that YACA must continue with elections for future new members.

In order to continue with the 501c3 application YACA must submit the names of the YACA Board Chair, Secretary and Treasurer. The term for the current YACA Board Chair, Secretary and Treasurer will end in June, 2011. Ms. Ly expressed that she would like to extend her commitment with YACA for another term. Ms. Pribbenow proposed that Ms Ly will be the new YACA Board Chair. Ms Ly accepted. Ms DeGeest proposed that Mr. Murphy becomes the new Secretary. Mr. Murphy accepted. Ms. Battista Crespo offered to be the new Treasurer in the event that Mr. Harmsen will not seek another term as a YACA Board member.

In order to continue with the filing for non-profit status YACA Bylaws need to be modified to fit IRS requirements. Ms. DeGeest will write the new Bylaws. Ms. Pribbenow will write the narrative to present with the Bylaws. A new three year budget must be presented too. Ms Ly and Mr. Harmsen will work on the budget.

**Adjourn**

Ms. DeGeest adjourned the meeting at 8:20pm.

Next Board meeting date is scheduled for Tuesday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm, at Yinghua Academy.