

Minutes of Community Leaders' Meeting On China Earthquake Relief Campaign

Time: Sunday, 10/5/08, 3:00 PM - 4:45 PM

Location: West Regional Library, 4000 Louis Stephens Road, Cary, NC 27519

Present: CAFA: Wen Daling, Guo Xuguang, Feng Jusheng, Liu Peizhu, Zhou Dacao,
Chen Jian, Fu Jiarong, Pang Tao, Hu Yuming

UNC: Luo Wei

Raleigh Academy of Chinese Language: Yang Jianping

Sichuang Club: Qin Jianhua, Tony Xie

Cary Chinese School: Janet Wang

The China Star: Cathy Kimball

Absent: Duke University: Wang Weina

NCSU: Zhou Rui

NC China Center: Xie Lian

Chinese School at Chapel Hill: Li Zhiyong

CAST-NC: Hu Hui

TACAS: Yih-Shin Tan

NCCBA: Tenney Woo

- Agenda:**
- 1) Report on Fund Raise and Transfer
 - 2) Report on Fund Usage Tracking
 - 3) Report of CAFA-Duke Medical Team Trip to China
 - 4) Potential RTP-Mianyang Cooperation
 - 5) Other Commonly Cared Issues

1) Report on Fund Raise and Transfer

More than \$290000 were raised in China earthquake relief fund from the local Chinese and Chinese American community during May and June of 2008. With consensus from local community leaders, all the donations were either collected by CAFA or transferred to an earthquake relief account set up by CAFA with a local branch of the Bank of America. As of October 3, 2008, the total amount ever accrued in this relief account was \$294028.35 including interest. Hundreds of pledges were made online by donors at a link set up by CAFA. Securing each pledge was a transaction that normally incurred a charge. CAFA treasurer

Feng Jusheng worked out with the online service provider to waive transaction fees, thereby saving hundreds of dollars.

By consensus, all the donations would be sent to the Red Cross Society of China (RCSC) in Beijing. Two wire transfers had been made from CAFA's Bank of America account to the RCSC. The first transfer of \$200,000 was made in June 2008; the transfer was witnessed by leaders of several Chinese and Chinese-American organizations including local Chinese schools. A receipt from the RCSC acknowledging its reception of this amount was distributed at this meeting. A thank-you letter from the RCSC also was distributed at this meeting. The second transfer of the remaining \$94028.35 in the relief account was made on October 3, 2008. Copies of this transaction was passed around for inspection at this meeting. The two transfers, totaling \$294028.35, represented the total earthquake relief donations plus interest received by CAFA as of October 3, 2008. The two transfers exhausted the earthquake relief account CAFA set up with the Bank of America. The account was empty at the time of this meeting.

Several matching funds pledged by local businesses have not been secured. The pledges amount to thousands of dollars. When secured, the amount will also be transferred to the RCSC.

Contact person at the RCSC was Ms. Wu Yanhong. Wen Daling, CAFA president, made numerous contacts with Ms. Wu regarding the transfers. Receipts and thank-you letter acknowledging RCSC reception of the first transfer were sent to CAFA by Ms. Wu.

2) Report on Fund Usage Tracking

Consensus was reached among community leaders to use our donations in the rebuilding of a school in the earthquake area in Sichuan, China. A badly damaged school in Sichuan soon was identified: 国四川省绵阳市游仙区柏林镇初级中学. Numerous contacts were made by Wen Daling with Ms. Yang Yan, a leader of the 绵阳市游仙区海外联谊会 who was the contact person in China for this proposed project. A written agreement for the project was drafted and approved; it will be signed by Wen Daling representing all donors from North Carolina, Mr. Yang Shougui, deputy manager of 游仙区, and Mr. Deng Chunming, principal of 柏林镇初级中学. Copy of the official agreement was distributed to everyone attending this meeting.

By this agreement, all the fund transferred by and from CAFA to the RCSC (totaling \$294028.35 as of October 3, 2008) will be sent by RCSC to 中国四川省绵阳市游仙区 for exclusive rebuilding of the city's 柏林镇初级中学. Major progress of the rebuilding will be reported to donors here in North Carolina. Donors here will have the opportunity to name the building rebuilt with fund from us. Bilateral exchange between schools here in our area and 柏林镇初级中学 will be maintained in years to come.

The meeting decided to set up a committee to oversee 柏林镇初级中学 rebuilding project. Mr. Yang Jianping, chair of the Board of Directors of Raleigh Academy of Chinese Language, was elected at the meeting to chair this committee. The committee will represent donors here in working with 中国四川省绵阳市游仙区 in and for the rebuilding of its 柏林镇初级中学. The committee will also ensure compliance with the formal agreement reached and signed by Wen Daling, Yang Shougui, and Yang Yan as mentioned above. The committee will keep the donors and community fully posted of its work in this carrying out its duties set forth above.

3) Report of CAFA-Duke Medical Team Trip to China

In August 2008 CAFA and Duke University agreed to send a small medical team to Sichuan, China to help earthquake survivors. The team was led by Dr. Jiang Wei, professor of psychiatry and behavioral science at Duke Medical Center. Chen Jian, ex-president of CAFA who co-led the team, reported the team's work in Sichuan. The team also visited ruined 柏林镇初级中学 and its makeshift mobile houses where class was taught. Photos of the school and the team's work were shown at this meeting. Chen Jian reported that 游仙区政府 has decided to rebuild 柏林镇初级中学 at its current site.

4) Potential RTP-Mianyang Cooperation

- A) The agreement reached between us and 游仙区政府 specified cooperation between 游仙区政府 and the RTP area here. The cooperation shall focus on cultural and education exchange such as mutual communications and visits of the students and scholars in both areas.
- B) Consensus was reached on the meeting that a special committee be established for the execution of this cooperation. This committee shall be led by president of CAFA, and consist of presidents of CAFA, CSC, CSCH, RACL, Sichuan Club, CSSFA, DCSSA, FACSS. Chair of CAFA Education Committee will be in charge of its operations.

5) Other Commonly Cared Issues

- A) More fund raising efforts may be conducted here in the RTP area to collect donations for the earthquake survivors in Sichuan, China;
- B) Exchange between schools here and schools in 四川省绵阳市 should be encouraged and carried out;
- C) Books and other educational materials may be collected here in RTP to be shipped to schools in 四川省绵阳市.