

Meyers, Robert (COE)

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From: Meyers, Robert (COE)
Sent: Friday, July 22, 2011 11:28 AM
To: Philippeaux, Gerard (DIST2)
Subject: RE: request for opinion

Dear Ms. Philippeaux:

Commissioner Monestime and his two staff members may accept the invitation to attend the Festival International du ZOUK de la Guadeloupe from July 24 to 31, 2011. Given the fact that COPAC, the organization covering the travel expenses, is not a County vendor, Commissioner Monestime and his staff member may accept the gift. Pursuant to the County Ethics Code, he and his two staffers must file gift disclosure forms reporting the value of all expenses covered by COPAC. These forms must be filed with the Clerk of the Board by the end of the next quarter – December 31, 2011.

Please contact me should you have any additional questions.

Sincerely,

Robert Meyers, Executive Director
Miami-Dade Commission on Ethics and Public Trust

From: Philippeaux, Gerard (DIST2)
Sent: Wednesday, July 20, 2011 12:41 PM
To: Meyers, Robert (COE)
Subject: request for opinion

Mr. Meyers,

The "Comité de promotion des Antilles par sa Culture (COPAC)", a cultural organization located in Guadeloupe, a French territory in the Caribbean basin is inviting Commissioner Jean Monestime to attend the "Festival International du ZOUK de la Guadeloupe".

The festival will take place from July 24 to 31, 2011 in Guadeloupe. This organization does **no business nor is being funded** by Miami-Dade County. Commissioner Monestime will be accompanied by two staff members and all expenses will be paid by COPAC.

Our office would appreciate an ethics opinion as to this invitation and wants to know if and/or when it should be reported.

Regards,

Gerard

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