

## Centerville Sister City Meeting

January 13, 2015

The January 13th Centerville Sister City meeting was called to order by Chairman, Cindy Clay, at 7:15PM. Cindy Clay, Phil McLaughlin, Suzie Holloway, Mike Vacchiano, John Beals, and Marilyn Hoback were present. Carolyn Basford and Mary Pizza were excused. The November 4, 2014 minutes were approved as sent.

**Treasurer's Report:** Phil gave us an update of the Treasurer's report.

### Committee Reports

**2015 Budget:** The budget has not yet been approved by the city, as we requested \$4015.00 for our 2015 budget. The Sister City International dues invoice has been given to the City Finance Department.

### Old Business

**Holiday Party:** All went well, everyone enjoyed themselves, and we thank Cindy and Kendall for hosting us.

**Sister City International Web Site:** some members do get e-mail information and some do not. We can each sign in to the Sister City International website and sign up to receive information.

**Art Contest from SCI:** Marilyn took information to the art teacher at Centerville High School. She seemed interested, but Marilyn has not heard back from her after she received the paperwork.

**Information from Centerville French Teacher:** Mike reported that Kim Easley, the Centerville High School French teacher, is taking a group of students to France in March/April. She is very interested in partnering with a school in Canada. She suggested Gatineau, which is located just north of Ottawa. Other additional suggested cities were Sherbrooke and Beaconsfield.

**Centerville Letter and Profile:** In our letter to the cities, we will send a cover letter from the Mayor and/or the City Manager. We feel this should go Mayor to Mayor, with the contact being Greg Horn. We gave Cindy the Mayors' names and addresses of the City Halls for the cities we were responsible for researching. She will talk to Debbie about sending out the letter.

**Scrapbook:** Our scrapbook needs to be updated, but we decided to wait until later in the spring when more of us could get together to work on it.

### New Business:

**Letter from Hans-Joachim Grote:** Cindy shared a letter from a German gentleman who would like to come to America for his sabbatical from his teaching job. She will try to get more information for us.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25. The next meeting will be March 3, 2015, at the Police Station.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzie Holloway, Secretary