

CENTERVILLE SISTER CITY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING

MARCH 3, 2015

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Cindy Monter, Co-Chair.

Attendance: Members present were Cindy Clay, Carolyn Basford, Mary Pizza, Mike Vacchiano, and John Beals, Council Liaison. Excused were Phil McLaughlin, Marilyn Hoback and Suzie Holloway.

Approval of Minutes of January Meeting: The minutes were approved as written.

Financial Report: The 2015 Budget was approved as requested. There have been no expenditures so far in 2015.

COMMITTEE REPORTS None at this time.

OLD BUSINESS

Sister City in Canada: Letters and the Centerville Profile have been sent to the cities that we previously selected. Responses have been received from two of the cities, Windsor and Point Claire. The response from Windsor was favorable to establishing a Sister City or "Twinning" relationship. The letter from the Mayor of Point Claire sounded promising and stated that they will consider our request and respond to us at a later date.

SCI Art Contest: No further information is available on possible entries at this time. It may now be too late in the year to enter the contest.

Sister City Scrapbooks: Work still needs to be done on this. Mary, Carolyn and Cindy will meet at Cindy's home on Friday, March 20 at 1:00 to work on the scrapbooks.

NEW BUSINESS

Hans-Joachim Grote (Hajo), possible visitor from Bad Z.: Cindy sent all communications from and about Hajo to Dr. Ron Helms, a professor at Wright State University, for suggestions and advice on how Hajo's requests could be handled. Dr. Helms passed this information on to Mr. Joe Yuppa, also a professor at Wright State, for possible suggestions. John Beals has a contact at Sinclair Community College that he will get in touch with for possible suggestions. There was discussion that it may be better for Hajo to be here as a guest lecturer, and not try to do any actual teaching in this country due to various legal requirements. Also, curriculums for the 2015-2016 school year are usually already in place at this time the previous year.

Volunteer Salute: The Annual Centerville Volunteer Salute is scheduled for Thursday, May 14th, at 6:00PM at Yankee Trace. Carolyn is submitting a request to consider Cindy Clay for the Mayor's

Community Service Award for her volunteer services with the Sister City Committee, Police Dept. and Americana Festival.

Americana Parade: We received an application to place a float in the Americana Festival Parade. Instead of the parade, we discussed placing brochures at the City of Centerville booth at the festival as we did in 2014. Cindy will print more of them and also check the supply of the brochure at the Centerville library.

The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be on April 7, 2015 at 7:00 PM at the Centerville Police Department.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Pizza

Addendum #1: Hajo sent an email to Cindy to let her know that he has now made arrangements in Ireland, as he did not realize all of the legal aspects of trying to come to this country to teach.

Addendum #2: We received a response from Ville de Gatineau declining our offer as a possible Sister City.