

# SISTER CITY COMMITTEE

## MINUTES OF MEETING

**April 4, 2013**

The meeting was called to order by Mary Pizza, co-chair.

Attendance was taken, Suzie Holloway was excused.

The minutes of the January meeting were approved as written.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **Bad Zwischenahn Student Exchange Visit**

**Welcome Dinner:** Marilyn, Carolyn and Suzie reported on the welcome dinner. All agreed that the Police Headquarters conference room was very adequate for handling the dinner. Staff was very helpful, and everyone seemed to enjoy the tour of the Police facility conducted by Sgt. M? The Lasagne, Garlic Bread and Salad worked out well. Desserts provided by the host families worked out well. A Thank You note will be sent to the Police Chief, Bruce Robertson.

**Farewell Dinner:** Mary and Louise reported that the Farewell dinner at Yankee Trace was held on Monday, March 11, 2013. The theme was the Mexican Buffet, and it was very well received. There was plenty of food, and everyone seemed to enjoy the evening. The students were given their certificates as Honorary Citizens by City Councilman, John Beals, and they each described their experiences while in Centerville. There was a slide show during the dinner.

#### **Bad Zwischenahn Adult Visit**

Cindy reports that she has been in touch with Sabine in Bad Zwixchenahn, who is handling the arrangements for the trip. As only a few people were able to come, the trip has been cancelled. An invitation has been extended by Mayor Mark Kingseed for them to visit in 2014. We discussed ways of publicizing the visit here, and send information to them to generate interest in the visit in Bad Z.

#### **Americana Parade**

Mary will send the application for our participation in the July 4 Americana Parade. Louise will call Windmill Farms to inquire about use of a wagon again.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **Sister City in Canada**

We will try to put together a packet of information from various organizations around Centerville and then, explore asking Tricia Rapoch's sister, who lives in Westmount, to help us. Also, Carla Walker, from

SCI, may be able to help us with suggestions on how to approach obtaining another Sister City relationship. Mary will contact her about meeting with her.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

##### **Dayton Area Sister City Meeting at Wright State University**

Louise and Mary attended the meeting at Wright State University on March 18, 2013. Representatives from the Dayton Area Sister City organizations were present and each gave a short synopsis of their committee activities, and their respective sister cities relationships. Carla Walker, from SCI regional office in Cincinnati stated that she would be available to discuss concerns, etc with us.

##### **Annual Volunteer Salute**

Invitations have been sent out by Maureen Ruseell Hodgson for the event on April 11, 2013.

##### **SCI Annual Conference**

This will be held on July 12 and 13, 2013 in San Antonio.

##### **Other**

Phil would like to purchase standards for our flags to be used on the float for the parade.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15PM. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday May 7, 2013 @ 7PM at Centerville Police Headquarters.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Pizza