

Sister City Meeting Minutes

Date: - January 4, 2011

Call to Order - Phil Mclaughlin called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm

Attendance: - Carolyn Basford, Cindy Clay, Louise Gaertner, Marilyn Hoback, Suzie Holloway, Phil Mclaughlin, Mary Pizza, Robert Vines, Suzi Walk and Kristina Wassmann. Our new member Robert Vines was introduced.

Excused: - Sandy Baver

Approval of Previous Minutes: - Tabled until next meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Phil Maclaughlin and Suzi Walk, Treasurer, opened an account at the Wright Patterson Credit Union.

Committee Reports

Holiday Party

The holiday party was a great event and well attended. The Sister-City Committee paid for the party out of their funds.

Old Business

Art Project

Carolyn Basford reported no response to the Primary Village North Art Project on the behalf of Bad Zwischenahn despite the effort of Sabine in the German mayor's office.

Sister City Relationship with Quebec Provence

Carolyn Basford suggested waiting until spring to develop a Sister City relationship with Quebec, Canada. A holiday greeting was sent on the behalf of the Waterloo government to Mayor Kingseed. Are they still interested in a Sister City relationship with Centerville? This needs to be determined. Action was tabled.

Sister City International Writing Contest

Kristina Wassmann reported no interest by Centerville High School students. The Committee will not persue this further.

Bad Zwischenahn and Centerville Student Exchange

Students will arrive after spring break April 10 or 11. Profiles on students are complete to match with CHS students. German students will return to Germany on April 22 or 23. The Sister City Committee will have a welcome reception, as well as a farewell dinner at the barn at Benhams Grove. Also a one half day field trip is planned. Suggestions: the Underground Railroad Museum or/and a Dayton

Dragons game.

It was suggested that the German students become honorary citizens of the city of Centerville at a City Council Meeting on April 18, at 8:00 pm. Mayor Kingseed would present the honors.

Town Crier Article

Kristina will write an article about our student exchange with Bad Zwischenahn.

NEW BUSINESS

A new Centerville City roster for 2011 was provided, by the city office. Corrections were made as to current e-mail addresses.

Budget

Chairmen Phil McLaughlin provided copies of the Centerville Sister City budget for 2011 from the Centerville City Council. Discussion by those present considered \$1,000.00 for travel and training to be inadequate to cover expenses for the Sister Cities Conference to be held in Arlington, Virginia in March, 2011. The budget was accepted with a recommendation to change the travel and training amount to \$1,500.00. Motion to accept was made by Marilyn Hoback and seconded by Suzie Holloway. Motion Carried.

Sister City Convention

The Sister City Convention will be held in Arlington, Virginia, March 3,4 and 5. Our member Robert Vines was selected as our delegate.

John Spoor, founder and treasurer of the Centerville Sister City Committee was presented with an inscribed letter opener and a another gift by the Committee. John Spoor's new address is:

2004 Audubon Avenue
Suite 530
Naperville, Illinois 60563

There will be no regular February meeting. A work session is planned for February 1, 2011.

Meeting adjourned 8:30 pm

Next meetings will be March 1, 2011.

Respectfully submitted,
Louise Gaertner, Secretary

NOTE: It has been determined that a regular meeting will be held on February 1, at 7:00 p.m. at the Police Station.