

SISTER CITY MINUTES

Meeting date: 2-15-2011

The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM by Phil McLaughlin, co chair

Members present were: Mailyn Hoback, Suzie Holloway, Carolyn Basford, Bob Vines, Kristiina Wassmann, Mary Pizza, and Paul Gresham, Council Liaison.

Excused were: Cindy Monter, Sandy Baver, Louise Gaertner and Suzanne Walk.

Minutes of the meetings of October 4, 2010 and January 4, 2011 were approved.

Committee Reports

Budget : Suzanne Walk, Treasurer, was not present, so Phil stated that our Annual Budget for 2011 was approved by the City Council for the amount of \$6800.00. There were no expenses for January.

Sister City International Conference: A budget of \$1000.00 was approved by the City for the attendance of one member at the Sister City International Conference in Washington, D.C. , March 3-5, 2011. Bob Vines will be attending. The early registration fee for the Conference is \$475.00 which has already been paid by Phil McLaughlin. Bob will drive to the conference, and will complete a per diem expense reimbursement form for his expenses.

Bad Zwischenahn/Centerville Student (Gappies) Exchange: Kristina reports that 14 students (11 girls and 3 boys), and 2 teachers from Bad Zwischenahn will arrive on Sunday, 4/10/2011. Our committee will host a welcome dinner for them and their host families on Monday, 4/11/2011, at the Deer Run Clubhouse. Host parents will provide dessert. Carolyn will set up the use of the clubhouse and Mary, Suzy Holloway and Phil will handle this event. Various menu selections were discussed for the Farewell Dinner, to be held at Yankee Trace on Thursday, 4/21/2011. Carolyn will contact the Yankee Trace Banquet Manager to schedule this dinner. Suzi Walk, Cindy Monter and Marilyn Hoback will host the event. The German students, host students, and host parents are guests for the dinner. Additional family members can be accommodated on a prepaid basis. Kristina will supply Audio-Visual equipment for a slide presentation prepared and presented by the students.

Kristina outlined the activities that are being planned for the German and host students during their visit here. They will attend the Centerville City Council meeting on Monday, April 18. One of the possible activities is a Dayton Dragons Baseball Game. Committee members are also invited to attend at their own expense and possibly drive students to the game. Phil and Bob will coordinate this activity. The weekend of April 16-17 is being left open for students to spend time and plan activities with their individual host families.

A motion was made to take the visiting teachers and their host parents to an Appreciation/Thank You dinner at a local restaurant at Committee expense. The motion was seconded and passed.

Centerville Gappies students will be returning to Bad Zwischenahn for an exchange visit there during the summer. A Welcome Home dinner is being planned for them during the week of August 8, but nothing is definite as yet.

Old Business

Sister City Relationship with suburb of Montreal, Quebec, Canada: There has been no communication from this city.

Visit to possible sister city near Montreal, Quebec, Canada: There are no plans for a visit at this time.

Town Crier Article: Kristina will prepare an article with photos to submit for an article in the *Town Crier*, after the Gappies German Student visit in April.

Roster, 2011: Phil will update the roster for 2011.

Waterloo, Ontario Sister City Relationship: Although a Christmas card from the Mayor of Waterloo, no activity has occurred to indicate their intention to resume our previous Sister City Relationship.

New Business:

Committees for 2011: Phil is working on committee assignments for 2011.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 1, 2011 at 7:00 PM at the Centerville Police Department.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Pizza