

Sister City Meeting Minutes

Date: - April 5, 2011

Call to Order: - Co Chair, Phil Mclaughlin called the meeting to order at 7:09 PM.

Attendance: - Members present were: Carolyn Basford , Sandy Baver, Louise Gaertner, Marilyn Hoback, Suzie Holloway, Phil Mclaughlin, Mary Pizza, Bob Vines and Suzie Walk.

Absent: - Cindy Clay, Kristina Wassmann

Approval of Previous Minutes: - Minutes of March 1, 2011 were approved as read.

Treasurer's Report: - The checking account total is \$553. A \$500 advance was granted for the Welcome Dinner for the German students from Bad Zwischenahn. The Dayton Dragons baseball tickets for the students visitors was \$461. Bob Vines has submitted his expenses for the Sister City Convention in Washington DC.

Committee Reports

A. Centerville Student Exchange

Kristina Wassmann is responsible for the German exchange student itinerary. The Welcome Dinner is scheduled for 6:30 at Fairhaven church because over 90 people will be coming and the Deer Run clubhouse is not large enough . Twelve round tables seating 96 will be used. Host families must be informed of the change in location. The "Forte" a cappella group from Centerville High School will perform. Veggie and meat lasagna, tossed salad, applesauce, Texas toast, lemonade, sodas and coffee will be served by the Sister-City Committee. Host families will provide desserts. Paper products will be used. Sister City shirts and badges to be worn. Publicity for dinner to be submitted to C. B. Times, D. D. N. and local news stations.

An Appreciation Dinner will be held for the visiting teachers plus the Sister City Co-chairs at Carvers on April 20.

Visiting students will attend a Centerville City Council meeting on Monday, April 18th, at 8 PM.

Visiting students and host students will attend a Dayton Dragons baseball game on April 19. Bob Rice is handling this event.

A Farewell Dinner, a buffet, will be held Thursday, April, 21 at Yankee Trace. Jason of Yankee Trace is in charge. It is a Mexican evening with fajitas as the entree. Guest price is \$20.00. Ask for the room with windows, located near the entrance.

Welcome Bags: Host mothers have prepared these for students, Kristina in charge.

B. Centerville Gappies Welcome Home

Tentatively scheduled for August 9 at the Barn at Gerber Farm or the first open date available in the first two weeks of August.

Old Business

55th International Sister City Convention in Washington DC.

Bob Vines reported he gained much insight into the Sister City Organization by networking with people. The Sister City Organization is part of the Global International Affairs Department of the U. S. State Department budget. Interesting sessions were the breakfast, keynote speaker, Congressman Dick Durbin. Many Sister Cities are looking for economic development partners.

Breakout sessions discussed:

1. Discussions included using youth as relationship building with Sister City, Rotary, etc.
2. Customs and protocol of international groups.
3. How to elevate your Public Relations.

New Business

Two shirts and two badges are on order for new members.

The 56th Sister City International Conference will be held in July, 2012 in Jacksonville, Florida.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Next meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 3, 2011.

Respectfully submitted,

Louise Gaertner, Secretary