

## Centerville Sister City Meeting Minutes

**Date:** October 4, 2011

**Call to Order:** - Co- Chair, Phil McLaughlin called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

**Attendance:** - Members present were: Carolyn Basford , Cindy Monter Clay , Louise Gaertner, Suzie Holloway, Phil McLaughlin, Mary Pizza, Bob Vines, and Kristina Wassmann.

**Approval of Previous Minutes:** - Minutes of the August 4, 2011 were approved as read.

**Treasurer's Report:** - The balance in the checking account was \$357.07. The checking account for Sister City is to be in the name of Phil McLaughlin and Bob Vines, was elected treasurer for 2011-2012.

### Budget Discussion

Phil McLaughlin, Co-Chair, attended a Centerville City budget meeting. The City is cutting budgets for commissions and travel. Since 2013 is the next year for large expenses for visitors from Germany we should save money from this year's budget. We are preparing a budget to present to the city. Bob Vines' new e-mail is R.Vines@proseniorsw.org.

### Committee Reports

Gappies Welcome Home Picnic was a success. Students, families and city guests enjoyed the food. The picnic was well attended.

There was a great deal of discussion about the possible Centerville Sister City relationship with Mont-Royal and Westmount. The proposed visit is very indefinite. Carolyn Basford reports the Outremont Mayor's Assistant said they are not too interested as the mayor is extremely busy. The trip would be paid for by each traveler at the amount of \$65.00 for the Mount Royal Oysterfest and four nights lodging at \$100.00 each plus other expenses. Also the travel distance is great.

Mount Royal is a densely populated, wealthy, green suburb of Montreal celebrating its 100th anniversary. Centerville French teachers could make contact and serve on the Centerville Sister City.

### New Business

**A.** We will celebrate the holidays and year's end at a party on Tuesday, December 2, at Centerville High School. Kristina Wassmann will check to see if Centerville students can cater the meal in the cafeteria. We hope to have the student group "Forte" again. Second choice for the holiday gathering will be the Deer Run Clubhouse.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

**Next meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 1, 2011.**

Respectfully submitted,

Louise Gaertner, Secretary