

# Sister Cities Meeting Minutes

Date: 1/5/2010

**Call to Order:** 7:00 pm

**Attendance:** Louise Gaertner, Marilyn Hoback, Suzie Holloway, Jan Kledzik, Cindy Monter-Clay, Mary Pizza, John Spoor, and Kristina Wassmann

**Not attending:** Carolyn Basford (excused), Sandy Bayer (excused), Paul Gresham, Christine Quijote-Oakes, and Suzanne Walk (excused)

**Approval of Previous Minutes:** The minutes were approved as written.

**Treasurer's Report:** All bills have been paid. We are looking for the paperwork from the Treasurer about this coming year's budget. We are asking for \$7200 for this year's committee budget. We have \$625.25 in our checking account and the annual dues to Sister Cities International have been paid for 2010.

## **Committee Reports:**

### ***Summer Trip to Bad-Zwischenahn***

So far 23 people have paid for the cruise with the possibility of two more being added. It is possible for 23 people to stay with the families in Bad-Zwischenahn. We will be in Bad-Zwischenahn on June 24, 25, 26, 27. We will leave June 28<sup>th</sup> from Bad-Zwischenahn to continue on the rest of our trip. There will be a meeting on April 27<sup>th</sup> for those who are taking the trip.

Cindy has checked with the City attorney about our liability on the trip. A discussion was held about a letter of release that everyone would sign to agree to abide to certain guidelines as they travel. He determined the release letter is not necessary.

A suggestion was made that the traveling group should have a hat or shirt that is identifiable for airport travel.

A discussion was held about having some one as the liaison for the group during the trip. It was decided that committee members will be in charge in Bad-Zwischenahn and our trip planner will be the person in charge for the rest of the trip.

Kristina Wassmann has forwarded the name of the German Association contact at Wright State University for German language lessons. She also said she could help with mini-lessons at the meetings. We will send e-mails to those involved to see if they are interested in having a few formal lessons before we leave for the trip.

A report was made about the gift that we will bring with us to the host families. Louise Gaertner ordered all of the letter openers that are engraved with Centerville. She also inquired about the Centerville ornaments but she found out that they couldn't be ordered. Instead, she is looking into a possibility of note paper that has the Centerville logo on the paper. We have the Centerville spoon rests already so we might not look into anything else at this point.

### **Old Business:**

The Sister Cities Art contest is being held in March and coordinated by Janeth Valley, art teacher at Centerville High School. Our entry has to be mailed by April 20<sup>th</sup>. Jan Kledzik will coordinate the judging.

The art project at the Kindergarten Village is in progress and more information will be forthcoming.

We are still in pursuit of a sister city connection in the French-Canadian province of Quebec. A packet from the City of Centerville and our committee is being prepared and will be sent to Outremont when it is completed.

### **New Business:**

Kristina Wassmann will host the Sister Cities Writing Contest with her students this year. Jan Kledzik will find the information on-line and forward it to Kristina.

Christine Quijote-Oakes sent a note to the committee indicating that she will be resigning from the committee. She is committed evenings with her master's classes and so regretfully cannot fulfill her commitments with the committee.

Kristina Wassmann suggested we put together a cookbook of favorite recipes from the members of Sister Cities Committee for the trip to Bad-Zwischenahn. We could include our favorites and put it together and give it to our host families.

### **For the Good of the Order:**

We received cards from both Waterloo, Ontario and Bad-Zwischenahn wishing us a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Our next meeting is on March the 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 8:00 pm