

## Sister Cities Meeting Minutes

**Date:** March 2, 2010

**Call to Order:** 7:04

**Attendance:** Carolyn Basford, Sandy Baver, Louise Gaertner, Paul Gresham, Marilyn Hoback, Suzie Holloway, Jan Kledzik, Cindy Monter-Clay, Mary Pizza, and John Spoor

**Not attending:** Suzanne Walk (excused), and Kristina Wassmann (excused)

**Approval of Previous Minutes:** Minutes were approved with corrections.

**Treasurer's Report:** Budget \$7400 but in January we spent nothing and in February we spent \$37 as billed by John Beals for communications for phone calls to the Montreal area. John Spoor will communicate with Mr. Hinshaw about further phone charges and ways that we can communicate for free.

### **Committee Reports:**

#### **German Trip**

We will be staying in 13 homes when we visit Bad Zwischenahn. Cindy needs all of the requested information sheets from individuals traveling as soon as possible. We need to work on the mayor's gift soon. Cindy wants to include a letter from the mayor in a small pamphlet for the American visitors as well as the German families who are hosting us. Louise's husband will translate the letter for the pamphlet. The pamphlet will include necessary information as well as names of those engaging in the exchange.

We have 25 traveling to the sister city and 26 on the cruise. We will have two leaving us after the visit it Bad Zwischenahn and then pick up 3 more for the cruise.

We will be having the meeting for all those going on the trip on Thursday the 29<sup>th</sup> at the Centerville Library at 7:00 pm.

Cindy has a presentation that was used on a previous trip that she will adapt for use on this trip. It tells about all of the famous people and inventors from the Dayton area and the state of Ohio

We will have 2 extra letter openers and they will go to the mayor and his assistant. Our travel coordinator has been working with the mayor's office to make sure that visits to different scenic places are not duplicated.

We want to make sure that the next time we plan a trip that the amount of physical exertion that is necessary on this visit is clearly indicated in the information. This will enable people to make a decision whether they will be able to physically keep up with the travel schedule and the accommodations provided

### **German Lessons**

Louise made contact with the gentleman from Wright State who is willing to give German lessons before we travel. He is the president of Germanic Studies at Wright State. He has communicated that he is starting the planning on his part of the process. However Louise has not received the concrete plans and she is waiting for further communications. She has made contact with all but one of the couples so that she can make the plans. She is assuming all of the committee members who are traveling are interested. It will be in March and April and will consist of about 5-6 lessons.

### **Old Business:**

#### **Sister Cities Art Contest**

We have PAC lobby for the weeks of March 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>. We can come in on Tuesday the 23<sup>rd</sup> to judge the art. Remember to arrive before 2:50 to avoid the traffic congestion. Judging will start at 3:00 pm.

#### **Art Project for Primary Village North (PVN)**

Carolyn has been coordinating the efforts with the people at PVN and with the teacher in Germany who is the Kindergarten teacher. The completion of the project probably won't be realized this year but all the plans will be in place to start everything next school year.

#### **Connections with Quebec**

We have put together a packet and a video that is being sent to similar size cities in the Outremont area near Montreal, Quebec, Canada. Marilyn has seen it and said it is a very nice presentation and we hope that it will bring a response for a future sister city connection.

#### **Writing Contest**

Kristina Wassmann is in charge of the Sister Cities Writing Contest. She is having her students write for the contest. We haven't had contact with her since the last meeting so we assume it is going well.

### **New Business:**

#### **New Committee Members**

We had one person express interest in joining our committee. Suzie Holloway is contacting him.

## **International Convention**

We need to see who is going to the Sister Cities International Convention this summer. Louise might go but she needs to check her calendar and Mary Pizza will accompany her if everything works out. They will both check about their availability and John will take care of writing a check for the registration. Once flight and hotel accommodations are made John can get that information to the city to get reimbursement.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 8:05

**Next Meeting:** April 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM