

Sister Cities Meeting Minutes

Date: April 6, 2010

Call to Order: 7:05pm

Attendance: Carolyn Basford, Sandy Baver, Louise Gaertner, Marilyn Hoback, Suzie Holloway, Cindy Monter-Clay, Mary Pizza, John Spoor, Suzie Walk, and guest, Gerhard Brueninghaus

Not attending: Jan Kledzik, Kristina Wassmann, and Paul Gresham

Approval of Previous Minutes: Minutes were approved as sent.

Treasurer's Report: John Spoor reported we have an approved budget of \$7400.

Committee Reports:

German Trip

Cindy Clay said all is in order for the trip and assignments have been made for our host families. She suggested we might consider taking an 'adaptor plug' to accommodate the electricity there. She would like a volunteer to be a 'picture taker' while we are in Bad Zwischenahn. We need to think about a party after the trip. She also read a letter from Mayor Kingseed that we can read on his behalf at the reception in Germany. Ulrich Gaertner will translate it into German. Cindy also explained the booklet we will use for our entertainment while we are there. She reminded us of the meeting for all those going on the trip on Thursday the 29th at the Centerville Library at 7:00 pm.

Louise Gaertner is finishing arrangements for German lessons at Wright State. They will run on Tuesdays from April 27 – June 1 from 11:30 – 1:00 pm at a cost of \$35 each. Several of the committee members are interested in the lessons.

Suzie Holloway asked for ideas for a gift to take to the Mayor of Bad Zwieschenahn.

We also discussed the gifts the travelers will take to their host families. We have a letter opener and a spoon rest to be taken along with our own gift to the family.

Old Business:

Sister Cities Art Contest

Jan Kledzik's report was read. Gift certificates were awarded to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places. She will get the winning entry framed and sent. It was suggested that next year we might request more advanced art students enter the contest.

Art Project for Primary Village North (PVN)

Carolyn Basford is still working on this project. The process is slow.

Connections with Quebec

Francine, in Quebec, is helping us make contacts in Montreal. She is contact the suburb of Mount Royal and presenting them with our packet of information. Carolyn Basford will be our contact with her. She has the phone numbers and the city contacts and will send information from Centerville directly there.

Writing Contest

We had no information about the writing contest.

Sister City International Convention

Mary Pizza reported the city is not sending anyone on any out-of-state travel this year, so she and Louise Gaertner will not be attending the convention in New Mexico.

New Business:

Volunteer Salute

Marilyn Hoback reminded us that the Volunteer Salute dinner is May 20. We hope the committee members will attend.

We were asked to encourage new members to learn about the Sister City Committee and consider joining us.

Suzi Walk suggested we look into sponsoring a fund raiser. We have been told we cannot use the Sister City name to raise any money.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:05

Next Meeting: June 1 at 7:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Suzie Holloway, secretary pro tem