

## SISTER CITY COMMITTEE

### MINUTES OF MEETING, APRIL 6, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 7 PM by Carolyn Basford, Chair. Members present were Cindy Clay, Marilyn Hoback, Phil McLaughlin, Mary Pizza, Mike Vacchiano. Suzie Holloway was excused.

The minutes of the March meeting were approved as written.

Carolyn Basford reports that she has a new cell phone number, 937-956-0859.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Budget:** Phil reported that our annual budget from the City of Centerville was \$5,840.00. Of that, \$415 has been paid to Sister Cities International for their annual dues, leaving a balance of \$5,425.00.

**New Sister City:** Per phone report from John Beals, there has been no news from Salaberry de Valleyfield in Canada. Mike suggested that we consider a possible association with a city in Cuba.

**Sister Cities International Convention:** The annual convention will be held July 13-16, 2016, in Washington, D.C. Mike has agreed to go. Carolyn will check with John to see if travel to the annual meeting is now acceptable for representatives of the City of Centerville, as travel was banned for several years.

**Trip to Bad Zwischenahn, July, 2017:** The pre Bad Zwischenahn stay in Amsterdam will cost approximately \$500.00 per person instead of the \$750.00 previously estimated. This includes 2 nights and 3 days in the hotel in Amsterdam.

Cindy received an email from Sebine in Bad Z and they do not have any suggested limit to the number of guests that we can bring. We are considering 20 +/- to be a reasonable number. As yet, we do not know which City officials plan to accompany us.

Those planning to join the Viking Cruise, *Elegant Elbe*, should book the cruise by the end of June, 2016, at the latest, and payment in full will be due at that time.

Linda Spears, our travel agent for the Bad Z visit and cruise, has requested that we give her suggestions for places that we would like to visit in Amsterdam, Berlin and Prague, so that she can obtain admission to those places in advance. Berlin and Prague can probably be booked through Viking cruises, except for an extra day in Berlin prior to the cruise embarkation. Amsterdam will need to be booked by Linda.

The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be at 7 PM, May 3, 2016, at the Centerville Police Station.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Pizza, Secretary