

CENTERVILLE SISTER CITY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING

OCTOBER 4, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM by Carolyn Basford, Chair. Members present were Mike Vacchiano, Cindy Clay, Phil McLaughlin, Marilyn Hoback, Suzie Holloway, Mary Pizza.

The minutes of the previous meeting were corrected to read St Lambert, Quebec, instead of Ontario. Otherwise were approved as written.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget: Phil reported that we requested \$3640.00 for the 2017 budget. 2017 Budget requests were to be submitted to the City by September 27, 2016.

2017 Trip to Bad Zwischenahn: Carolyn reported that there are 24 people doing the Amsterdam and Bad Zwischenahn segments of the trip, with 18 of those doing Amsterdam, Bad Zwischenahn and the Viking Cruise/Tour. There are 4 doing the Cruise/Tour only. Cindy will contact Sebine in Bad Zwischenahn in January with the exact number of guests for Bad Zwischenahn, so that she can determine host families for the guests. Names, photos, and other information will be sent later.

Total price for the Amsterdam extension of the trip will be determined by Linda Spears by the end of the month, but is expected to be approximately \$600.00. The bus taking guests from Amsterdam to Bad Zwischenahn will depart from the hotel only, so will not be making any other pickup stops.

Gifts for City of Bad Zwischenahn and host families: Suzie and Marilyn will determine an approximate price for gifts to the City of Bad Z, and then give Phil a request for a purchase order from the City of Centerville. A suggestion was made to purchase a Buckeye tree from the nursery in Bad Zwischenahn as a gift to them from the City of Centerville, along with a plaque to place in the City Hall to acknowledge the gift. Phil also suggested an updated copy of a book about the City of Centerville called "*A Sense of Place*". Guests will also purchase gifts for their individual host families. The Hallmark Store in Centerville has note pad holders engraved with *Centerville, Ohio* as a possible gift for host families.

Christmas Party: Our annual Christmas Party will be held on December 6, at the Golden Lamb Hotel in Lebanon at 6:30PM. We have the Harrison Room on the second floor reserved for our group. De De Bailey, the event coordinator for the Golden Lamb, will be sending a contract to be signed to hold the date.

New Sister City In Quebec, Canada: We can Contact SCI regarding suggestions for other Cities Seeking Sister Cities, and may also consider contacting Trisha Rapoch regarding contacting her sister, who lives in Canada.

NEW BUSINESS: none at this time.

The meeting was then adjourned. The next meeting will be on **Tuesday, November 1, at 7** at the Centerville Police Headquarters.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Pizza, Secretary