



Sister Cities Commission
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NAPERVILLE SISTER CITIES COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES, January 7, 2009 MAYOR'S CONFERENCE ROOM

CALL TO ORDER

Larry Konecny called the meeting to order at 7:15 PM.

ROLL CALL

Present: Jim Davidson, Jane Klassen, Larry Konecny Jr., Barb Kucera, Rich Mikolajczyk, Randy Russell, Roger Stamm, Laura Weren,

Absent: Bill Bien, Ray Hill, Joseph Hudetz, Alex Mayszak, Dave Perillo, Roberto Ramirez, Bettye Wehrli

Student Representatives: Catherine Chen, Rhae Cisneros, Akansha Tarun

City Liaison: Ms. Cheryl Johnson

Secretary Randy Russell declared a quorum was present

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Barb Kucera moved to accept the December 2008 meeting minutes. Motion seconded by Larry Konecny and approved unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Jim Davidson reported that the remaining budget for FY2008/09 is \$581.70. The proposed budget for FY2010 for Sister Cities remains \$560. This amount is subject to additional reduction over the next 2-3 months.

A small postage expenditure was proposed. The motion to approve the expenditure was made by Laura Weren. Motion seconded by Barb Kucera and approved unanimously.

Laura Weren moved to accept the Treasurer's Report. Motion seconded by Barb Kucera and approved unanimously.

REPORTS

Jim shared an email message from Jack Persin at Ryan Hill Realty concerning progress on the construction of homes in Pass Christian, Mississippi. Home 17 of 20 is nearly

completed and construction on homes 18 and 19 will begin later in January. Ryan Hill Realty is planning a trip to assist with the construction in mid-February. In a continuing effort to reduce staff overtime related to the Sister Cities Commission meetings, Rich will survey all members concerning their flexibility to meet at times other than the traditional 7-9 PM. Rich will report on the results of the survey at the February meeting.

Rich and others will speak with the Mayor concerning a permanent home for the mirror image display. One area under consideration is the walking trail at the Municipal Services headquarters on West Aurora Ave.

OLD BUSINESS

The Young Artist Competition is progressing well.

Rich reviewed the project team assignments for the remainder of the year. No one had any issues with the assignments.

The North Central College International Festival is schedule for Sunday, 8 February. The entrance fee was paid by Barb Kucera. Sister Cities Commission will have a table at the festival. The festival runs from 12 PM - 4 PM. The commissioners are asked to volunteer for a 1.5-2 hour slot. We need two commissioners at each time slot. Assignments will be finalized at the February meeting.

Barb confirmed that Gama and Roman will attend the festival as usual and bring their Slovakian displays.

NEW BUSINESS

The Commission currently has 14 members and 1 vacancy. The Commission requires 8 members present to constitute a quorum.

Roger Stamm prepared a PowerPoint presentation concerning the Sister City relationship between Nitra, Slovakia and Naperville, Illinois. The presentation was well received by the commission. All expressed their appreciation to Roger for his imitative and the accuracy and completeness of the content. Roger asked that any updates/corrections come to him as soon as possible. We intend to use the presentation at the North Central College event if proper AV equipment is available.

Barb and Rich will take down the Sister Cities Commission Christmas Tree by mid-January.

ADJOURNMENT

Jim Davidson moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Laura Weren and approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 4, 2009 at 7:00 PM in the Mayor's Conference Room, Naperville Municipal Center.