

**NAPERVILLE SISTER CITIES COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES, April 1, 2009
MAYOR'S CONFERENCE ROOM**

CALL TO ORDER

Rich Mikolajczyk called the meeting to order at 6:14 PM.

ROLL CALL

Present: Bill Bien, Jim Davidson, Dave Harr, Barb Kucera, Rich Mikolajczyk, Dave Perillo, Randy Russell, Bettye Wehrli

Absent: Rhae Cisneros, Jane Klassen, Larry Konecny, Jr., Roberto Ramirez, Roger Stamm, Akansha Tarun, Laura Weren

Student Representatives: Catherine Chen, Alex Mayszak

City Liaison: Ms. Cheryl Johnson

Secretary Randy Russell declared a quorum was present

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Barb Kucera moved to accept the March 2009 meeting minutes as amended. Motion seconded by Dave Harr and approved unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Jim Davidson reported that the remaining budget for FY2008/09 is \$588.36.

Rich summarized the results of the budget workshop held on 9 March. The proposed budget for the Commission for FY2010 is \$5,750. Approval will come at a City Council meeting later in the month of April.

Approval for expenditure for \$270.84 is needed. Motion to approve the expense was made by Bettye Wehrli, seconded by Dave Perillo and approved unanimously.

Approval for expenditure for three commissioners to attend the Illinois Sister Cities conference is needed. Motion to approve the expense was made by Barb Kucera, seconded by Bill Bien and approved unanimously.

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

OPEN FORUM

We need 2 more commissioners. Mr. Sami Saddiqi has been presented to the City Council and is expected to be approved at the 8 April meeting.

REPORTS

Bill Bien recapped the very successful Young Artists Competition. There were over 40 entries. The winner was from Benet Academy. All runners up were from Neuqua. The reception was attended by more than 100 people. Two key learnings from the 2009 competition:

- Need greater involvement from District 203
- Need better communication with the City Council

OLD BUSINESS

Jim reported on progress on the plans for the student exchange program

- Rotary Club will pay the expenses for the student in getting to and from the US.
- Target date for the student to arrive is August 2009 for the 2009/2010 school year
- Student will live with the Hudetz family for at least the first three months and attend NVHS
- Still some issues to work out with living arrangements and length of stay with a given family
- All issues expected to be resolved by end of April

Barb Kucera donated the North Central College International Festival registration fee reimbursement to the Sister Cities Foundation.

Rich reminded everyone that the State Sister Cities conference will be held in Schaumburg in April (17 & 18 April). Three commissioners will attend: Dave Harr, Jane Klassen and Randy Russell. The attendees will make a report to the commission at the May meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Rich asked the second sister city project team to meet in the month of April and develop an action plan for proceeding. Randy will set up the meeting. After the meeting, Rich will report back to the City Council on the specific plans.

ADJOURNMENT

Bettye Wehrli moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Dave Perillo and approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 PM.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 6, 2009 at 6:00 PM in the Mayor's Conference Room, Naperville Municipal Center.