

**NAPERVILLE SISTER CITIES COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
March 2, 2011
MAYOR'S CONFERENCE ROOM**

CALL TO ORDER

Sami Siddiqi called the meeting to order at 6:11 PM.

ROLL CALL

Present: Karen Ambre, Bill Bien, John Fitterer, Barb Kucera, Dorothy Lee, Roberto Ramirez, Randy Russell, Steven Schwinn, Sami Siddiqi, Darlene Stevens, and Bettye Wehrli

Absent: Jim Davidson, Jane Klassen, and Roger Stamm

Student Representatives: Anirudh Kulkarni and Andrew Mooney

Secretary Randy Russell declared a quorum was present

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from the January 2011 meeting were reviewed. There was no February meeting due to lack of a quorum. Barb Kucera moved to accept the minutes from January. Motion seconded by Roberto Ramirez and approved unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Jim was unable to attend the meeting. His report was presented in hardcopy. Jim was asked to investigate what happened to the \$60 check to North Central College for the International Festival. Barb Kucera moved to accept the treasurer's report. Motion seconded by John Fitterer and approved unanimously.

There was discussion concerning a gift certificate for the Hudek's for their help in staffing the Sister Cities Booth at the North Central College International Festival. Barb Kucera moved to award a \$100 gift certificate to the Hudek's to thank them for their annual participation in the festival. Motion seconded by Roberto Ramirez and approved by roll call vote.

YOUNG ARTISTS COMPETITION

Bill Bien reported that all on schedule for the competition set for the weekend of 25-26 March. The catering for the reception is to be arranged. Randy Russell agreed to make the necessary arrangements with Belgio's Catering.

NORTH CENTRAL COLLEGE INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL

The Commission staffed a double booth at this year's festival. The festival was held on Sunday, 13 February. The Hudetz's once again helped staff the booth with their wonderful array of

Slovak items. This was Barb Kucera's last year of organizing the event. The Commission needs to designate a coordinator for the 2012 event. We also need additional items from Patzcuaro for display at this event as well as at other events.

SISTER CITIES FOUNDATION UPDATE

The Foundation members agreed to meet on 7 March at 6 Pm at the Panera on Ogden and Iroquois.

PATZCUARO VISIT 2011

Sami agreed to speak with the Mayor concerning a trip to Patzcuaro in November 2011. Sami will also speak with the Mayor concerning a trip to Nitra later in 2011 or in 2012. A guest, Rosemary Wisnosky, told the commission about a fundraising event on 19 November to raise money for a baseball park in Nitra. The Mayor will attend and chair the event.

NEW BUSINESS

Randy was nominated to serve a one year term as co-chair with Sami. Randy agreed to serve and resigned his office as Secretary. John Fitterer was nominated to serve as Secretary for a one-year term. Nominations were presented by Sam Siddiqi and seconded by Roberto Ramirez. Nominations were unanimously approved.

Randy reported that the Illinois State Sister Cities Conference will be held in Tinley Park on Friday and Saturday, 1-2 April 2011. Any commissioner who wants to go should submit their application to Cheryl for processing. Several people left their applications on Cheryl's desk. Naperville will make two presentations at the conference. In additoion, we plan to display several of the works from the Young Artist's Competition.

Rosemary presented the commissioners with an opportunity to participate in a seminar entitled, Invest in Slovakia. The event was held on Tuesday, 8 March in downtown Chicago at the offices of Baker & McKenzie. Rosemary encouraged all commissioners to attend.

ADJOURNMENT

Barb Kucera moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Roberto Ramirez and approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 6, 2011 at 6:00 PM in the Mayor's Conference Room, Naperville Municipal Center.