

Minutes of the Santa Barbara Sister Cities Board, September 6, 2006

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 noon by Chairperson, Takako Wakita.

ROLL CALL:

Members present:

Takako Wakita, Chairperson
Janet Baker, Recording Secretary
Gerald Corrigan, Dingle Ireland (Alt. Carey Rogers)
David Gorbet, Puerto Vallarta, Mexico (Alt. Jan Olivas)
Brett Hansen, Weihai, China (Alt. Vacant)
Gary Maxwell, Toba, Japan (Alt. Vacant)

Staff Present: Linda Gunther

Guests: Gil Garcia, Carey Rogers, Suzanne Fairly-Green, Rosann Crawford, Vanessa Crawford

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: On a motion duly made, seconded and carried the minutes of the Special Meeting of August 3, 2006 were approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Takako thanked Linda Gunther for the lovely luncheon prepared for the meeting today. Takako reported that the City Council had voted to approve the dissolution of the Sister Cities of Palma de Majorca, Spain and Yalta, Crimea for non-participation.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Guests Roseann Crawford and her daughter Vanessa were introduced and will be giving a report on the Student Exchange Program

POST 9/11 CONCERT: At the Special Meeting on August 3, 2006 it was decided to participate in the 9/11 Concert. Takako thanked Gil Garcia for his help in organizing this on such short notice. Gil reported that each Sister City will provide entertainment from their group. He said they have been getting good publicity and expects a good crowd. He said he would need 1 person from each group to help set up and clean up. This event is to emphasize World Peace and is promoted by SCI and will be considered an annual event.

SCI 50th ANNIVERSARY CONFERENCE AND YOUTH SUMMIT: Vanessa Crawford a student at Santa Barbara High School and Santa Barbara City College was a representative to the Youth Summit in Washington, D. C. and she reported on her experiences and also her involvement with the Student Exchange program with the Santa Barbara/Puerto Vallarta Sister City Committee. She plans to form a Youth Group with representatives from Santa Barbara High Schools and Santa Barbara City College. Roseann Crawford, 2nd Vice President of the Puerto

Vallarta Sister City Committee and also Chairman of the Santa Barbara/Puerto Vallarta Student Exchange Program reported on the success of their exchange this year and that it was very successful. She also showed some photos of the exchange and also their first Youth Art Exchange held in April that hopeful will be a yearly event.

UNITED NATIONS DAY CELEBRATION & YOUTH SUMMIT: Discussion was held as to what time the Youth Summit should be held and was decided on 3:30 - 5:00 p.m. at the Cabrillo Pavilion prior to the U.N. Day Dinner which will start at 6:00 p.m. Vanessa Crawford volunteered to Chair the Youth Summit. It was also suggested that 1 adult from each Sister City attend the Youth Summit. On a motion duly made, seconded and carried it was moved that the students attending the Summit be our guests for dinner if they wish to attend and funds from the Sister Cities Board will be used to purchase extra food. Takako said she would be sending out flyers regarding the Celebration to each Sister City group and the deadline for reservations would be October 23rd. She said that each Sister City is responsible for 4 or 5 raffle prizes worth a minimum of \$10.00 each. Duties assigned for the evening: Janet Baker, Front Desk Check-In; Puerto Vallarta - Set up and Bar; Toba - Raffle and Clean Up; Dingle- Organize Food; Weihai - Dessert and Coffee; Master of Ceremonies - Mark Hamilton or Gil Garcia; Entertainment - Toba and Weihai; Kitchen help - hired by Takako. Guests invited are Catherine Dishion, U.N. Rep., Mayor Blum and City Council Members.

GUIDELINES FOR CONTINUING AS A SISTER CITY OF SANTA BARBARA: Linda Gunther distributed copies of the proposed Guidelines and discussion followed. Action postponed until the November meeting.

REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS:

Puerto Vallarta, Mexico: David Gorbet reported on the visitation of a group of 45 from Puerto Vallarta during Fiesta week which was very successful. Major Blum won the trip to Puerto Vallarta which was the 1st prize of the El Fandango raffle.

Dingle, Ireland: Gerald Corrigan reported the July meeting of the Dingle Sister City at Harry's Plaza was well attended. He reported the Irish Society is presenting a program by Christina Allison at the Victoria Theatre and urged everyone to attend.

Weihai, China: Brett Hansen reported Peter Haslund is presently on a trip to Asia escorting a group. The Weihai group hosted a small conference of California Chinese Sister Cities. Planning to send a group of teachers to Weihai next summer.

Representative Reports (Continued)

Toba, Japan: Gary Maxwell reported their most recent event was a pool party held at an estate in Hope Ranch in July for the Exchange Students and their families which was well attended and enjoyed by all present. Gary said he thought that Mark Hamilton will be the Alternate for Toba.

Meeting adjourned at 1:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Baker, Recording Secretary