

**Minutes of November 1, 2006 Meeting, Santa Barbara Sister Cities Board**

Meeting was called to order by Chairperson, Takako Wakita at 12:00 Noon. The Secretary was asked to call the roll. Members present were:

Takako Wakita, Chairperson  
Vice Chairperson - Vacant  
Janet Baker, Recording Secretary  
Gerald Corrigan, Dingle, Ireland  
David Gorbet, Puerto Vallarta, Mexico  
Jeremy Hass, San Juan, Philippines (Alternate)  
Brett Hansen, Weihai, China

Guests: Carey Rogers, Dingle, Ireland (Alt.), Roseann Crawford, Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, and Linda Gunther, City Administrator Staff

On a motion duly made, seconded and carried the minutes of the September 6, 2006 were approved as corrected.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Takako reported that she had received Annual Reports from all except San Juan, Philippines. Takako reminded the Representatives that the Sister Cities display at the Main Library will be the month of December and displays must be set up on November 30th at 9:00 a.m and removed on December 29th at 5:00 p.m.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

**REVIEW OF 9/11 CONCERT:** Approximately 100 people attended, it was suggested to possibly start earlier next year as it got rather chilly after the sun set. The reception also needs to be improved, i.e. have coffee as well as cookies and punch or soft drinks. The Santa Barbara Sister Cities Board had approved a budget of \$500.00 for the concert, however, expenses came to \$1724.00. The Chamber of Commerce donated \$500.00 and a client of Gil Garcia's donated \$500.00. A request was made to the Board to pay the remaining \$155.00 from their Special Account. After due discussion, on a motion duly made, seconded and carried it was moved to pay the \$155.00.

**REVIEW OF THE UNITED NATIONS DAY CELEBRATION AND YOUTH SUMMIT:** Takako reported the proceeds from the raffle was originally used for the Fiesta Float, however, as we no longer have a float, it was suggested it be used for next year's 9/11 concert. Overall the Celebration was considered a success, had plenty of food, good entertainment, etc. \$450.00 from people who didn't bring food, \$48.00 - Bar and \$406.00 from raffle. Roseann Crawford gave a report on the Youth Summit. Roseann's daughter Vanessa was in charge of the program, however, only four students and two parents attended which was a big disappointment. They did not get the support from the schools they had expected. Gerald Corrigan asked that

she tell Vanessa Board appreciated her efforts and that hopefully next year will be more successful. Roseann submitted a bill for the food for Youth Summit of \$100.00, which was more than had been budgeted. Roseann offered to donate \$50.00 and after due discussion, on a motion duly made, seconded and carried it was moved to accept her donation.

**GUIDELINES FOR CONTINUING AS A SISTER CITY:** Further discussion and vote will be at the January meeting.

**ALTERNATES FOR REPRESENTATIVES:** Alternates for Sister Cities Board Representatives are San Juan, Philippines - Albe Dumlao; Weihai, China - Dennis Ringer; Toba, Japan - Mark Hamilton. Jerry Hass will replace Dr. Alex Tang as the representative for San Juan, Philippines.

**REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS:**

**Puerto Vallarta, Mexico:** David Gorbet reported about 50 people will be leaving for Puerto Vallarta on November 25th for the annual visitation. Three deputies from the Sheriff's Department (2 women and 1 man) will be going to train the Puerto Vallarta police, also five Imodanari artists will be doing their chalk artistry on the Plaza in front of City Hall in Puerto Vallarta during the visitation. Also, two men will be going to help set up the Diaster Preparedness Guidelines for the City. Mayor Blum and her husband will also be in Puerto Vallarta duriing our visitation and will attend some of the functions.

**Dingle, Ireland:** Gerald Corrigan reported the Dingle group will be having their Christmas party at Harry's on December 21st and extended an invitation to other groups to attend.

**Weihai, China:** Brett Hansen reported that Peter Haslund is currently on a trip to Asia with 25 teachers. He said the Weihai group meets every other month.

**San Juan, Philippines:** Jeremy Hass reported the San Juan group has had a couple of meetings with contacts in San Juan. Hope to get the group active again soon.

Meeting adjourned at 1:30 P.M.

Respectively submitted,

Janet Baker, Recording Secretary