

Minutes of Santa Barbara Sister Cities Board, May 2, 2007

Meeting was called to order by Chairperson, Gerald Corrigan at 12:00 noon. Members in attendance were: Gerald Corrigan, Chairperson, Takako Wakita, Vice Chairperson; Janet Baker, Recording Secretary; Carey Rogers, Dingle, Ireland (Alt. Jean Graffy); David Gorbet, Puerto Vallarta, Mexico (Alt. Craig Nielson); Gary Maxwell, Toba, Japan (Alt. Linda Mathews); Jeremy Hass, San Juan, Philippines (Alt. Jaime Sodusta); Linda Gunther, Staff Representative

On a motion duly made, seconded and carried the minutes of the March 7, 2007 were approved as corrected. Under Representative Reports, Dingle, Ireland Alternate is Jean Graffy. Under Toba, Japan should read New Year's party.

Mr. Corrigan presented updated Calendar of Events as of May 2nd through December 2007 for discussion.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Takako Wakita reminded everyone of the upcoming SCI Conference in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. July 18 - 21st. As Gerald is unable to attend, she will represent the Board at the Conference. Gary Maxwell introduced Linda Mathews as the new President of Toba, Japan Sister City Organization. Gerald Corrigan reported that Mayor Blum had been contacted regarding the possibility of a Sister City in Montenegro. He said he had explained the process and hopefully a representative will attend the July meeting to give more details.

9/11 Concert Status: Takako Wakita presented a Financial report on last year's concert. Gil Garcia will also be Chairman for this year's concert, he was supposed to attend the meeting today, hopefully he will be at the July meeting to explain plans.

NEW SISTER CITIES BROCHURES STATUS; Gerald reported that he had checked with several printers as to cost and the best price he was able to get was \$800. For 400 copies. After due discussion it was moved that Gerald appoint two other Board members to work with him on designing the brochure, expenditures for printing not to exceed \$1200. Need to get this done before June 30th.

REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS:

San Juan, Philippines: Jeremy Hass reported that they had a Bar-B-Que recently and 12 new members joined. He introduced Jaime Sodusta as new Alternate for San Juan.

Toba, Japan: Gary Maxwell reported a cooking demonstration was held at the

home of Takako Wakita as a fund raiser for the student exchange program which was very successful with 24 people attending. Gary reported that three people will be arriving from Toba this week.

Dingle, Ireland: Carey Rogers reported that some of their members are in Dingle now, they went on their own as no planned trip was organized this year. Also, member Russ Dougherty and family are going to Dingle in June.

Puerto Vallarta, Mexico: Dave Gorbet reported their General meeting is tonight with installation of the new Board of Directors and Officers with Sheriff Brown officiating. Working on Cinco de Mayo which is this weekend and working on plans for the El Fandango and the visitation of the people from Puerto Vallarta during Fiesta.

Toba, Japan: Gary Maxwell reported they need two more people for their Board and ask if anyone is interested. Also, reminded of the upcoming trip to Japan starting Sept. 23 - Oct. 1, 2007, anyone interested in going contact Linda Mathews.

San Juan, Philippines: Jeremy Hass reported that Albe Dumlao is the new Chairperson for the San Juan Sister City and Jeremy is Vice Chairman.

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Baker, Recording Secretary