

Minutes of Santa Barbara Sister Cities Board, January 3, 2007

Meeting was called to order by Chairperson, Gerald Corrigan at 12:00 noon. The Chair asked the Secretary to call the Roll. Members present were: Gerald Corrigan, Chairperson, Janet Baker, Recording Secretary, Carey Rogers, Dingle, Ireland; David Gorbet, Puerto Vallarta, Mexico; Gary Maxwell, Toba, Japan; Peter Haslund, Weihai, China; Roger Horton, City Council Liaison. Guests: Linda Gunther, City Administrator Staff, Lisa Thomas Macrum, Channel Islands YMCA Director, School Based Programs

On a motion duly made, seconded and carried the minutes of the November 1, 2006 were approved as mailed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Gerald Corrigan presented Ideas for Improvement of the Sister Cities Program in the New Year and also a Calendar of meetings and events for 2007. Roger Horton expressed he thought it was a good idea and commended Mr. Corrigan on the ideas. Linda Gunther suggested that each group get the minutes and agenda of the meetings on the Internet to save time and money on mailings. Roger Horton reported on a meeting he had with Peter Haslund regarding a proposed Student/Faculty exchange with Weihai, China and asked that this be placed on the Agenda for the March meeting for further discussion.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

REQUEST FROM YMCA RE: OUTREACH WITH CITY SCHOOLS: Lisa Macrum said she is seeking collaboration with Sister Cities on the Youth Outreach Programs of YMCA for the pilot year of an Asset and Character Building program which is currently in progress at three Jr. High Schools and one High School. This program actively builds all six pillars of character and 20 of the 40 development assets. Empowering youth to create change in Anti Bullying Strategies. Also, participating will be technology classes through Internet classes through Internet correspondence to one of the Santa Barbara Sister Cities. She said that on April 28th there will be a Youth Summit Day at City Hall. Also, plans are for a documentary film and possibly a book with articles from each school re: Bullying. The Chair asked that each Representative take this information back to their respective Boards for consideration.

NEW BROCHURES: This item was tabled until the March meeting.

GUIDELINES FOR CONTINUING AS A SISTER CITY: After due discussion it was moved that items 6 and 7 be deleted and that Item 3 be changed to read **Committee Sponsored Exchange** instead of **Official Exchange**. Mr. Corrigan said he would re-write the Guidelines and will be brought for vote at March meeting.

REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS:

Puerto Vallarta, Mexico: Dave Gorbet showed a sample of the new Las Noticias with colored pictures take during the visitation to Puerto Vallarta in December. He reported on the different events during the visitation and that Mayor Blum and her husband were there during the visitation and participated in some of the events.

Dingle, Ireland: Cathy Rogers reported on the Dingle Christmas Party at Harry's which was attended by 48 people with several from the Puerto Vallarta group who enjoyed the entertainment provided by the Foggy Dew Band and the dancers.

Toba, Japan: Gary Maxwell reported a New Years celebration is planned on February 10 at City College with a luncheon and program. Gary also stated that the Toba group are planning a trip to Japan in September, more details at next meeting.

Weihai, China: Dr. Peter Haslund reported they are establishing a memorial scholarship in memory of Marjorie Cappiello, a long time member of the Weihai Sister City Committee. Mr. Haslund reported that Brett Hansen, President and Dennis Ringer, Rep. Alternate have resigned.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet M. Baker, Recording Secretary