



Santa Barbara Sister Cities Board



MINUTES

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July 11, 2007

Meeting called to order by Chairperson, Gerald Corrigan at 12:00 Noon. Members in attendance: Gerald Corrigan, Chairperson; Takako Wakita, Vice Chairperson; Janet Baker, Recording Secretary; Carey Rogers, Dingle, Ireland and Alt. Jeanne Graffy; David Gorbet, Puerto Vallarta, Mexico; Jeremy Hass, San Juan, Philippines and (Alt. Jaime Sodusta); Linda Mathews, Toba, Japan and (Alt. Gary Maxwell); Roger Horton, City Council Liaison and Linda Gunther, Staff Representative. Guests: Gil Garcia, Roseann Crawford, Vesna Lijakovska and Zvonko Kuzmanovski.

Minutes of the Santa Barbara Sister Cities Board meeting of May 2, 2007 were approved as corrected. Correction to New Sister Cities Brochure - price quote of \$800.00 for 1000 copies.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS: Review of Calendar of Events for July through December 2007.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Linda Gunther announced that as of September 2007 the Agenda and Minutes will no longer be mailed but will be available on the Website and hopefully everyone has signed up to get the minutes on line. If you have any problems contact her at 564-5305. Takako Wakita announced the death of one of Toba's long time members, Gaiko.

9/11 CONCERT REPORT: Gil Garcia, Chairman of the event reported he will be getting flyers out to the Sister Cities as soon as possible to be distributed to their members, he also plans to get announcements in the local newspapers. He presented a proposed budget for the event for the Board's approval. After much discussion, on a motion duly made, seconded and carried the budget was approved as presented. Mr. Garcia said he would like to have entertainers from each of the five Sister Cities if possible, Toba and Dingle have already committed.

YOUTH CONFERENCE: Roseann Crawford reported that her daughter, Vanessa, will be available to help Chair the event again this year. The Youth Summit will be held in conjunction with the United Nations Celebration on October 25, 2007 from 3:30 - 5:30. She expects to have double the amount of students attending this year. Two other programs

that should have an impact on this event are SCI's "One World/One Youth Sustainable Environment " and Santa Barbara YMCA's "Building Bridges". She will prepare a proposed budget for the event and present it at the September meeting for approval.

KOTOR, MONTENEGRO (Proposed new Sister City): Gerry introduced Vesna Lipakovska to give a brief presentation as to why they would like to establish a Sister City with the city of Kotor, Montenegro. She has met with Mayor of Kotor and the Mayor is in favor of establishing a rapport with the City of Santa Barbara. When Vesna returned to Santa Barbara she met with Mayor Blum who explained the procedure to establish a Sister City. Vesna circulated literature about Kotor which is located on a Bay similar to Santa Barbara. Mr. Corrigan suggested that she arrange a reception for the Board members to meet with with the local members of the proposed group to learn more about them and their plans to which she agreed. She said they would like to come back to the September meeting for further consideration.

STATUS OF SISTER CITIES BROCHURE: Gerry presented the new brochure which was enthusiastically received and commended on a great job. He reported the cost for printing 1500 copies was \$1050.00. He said that Carey Rogers and Takako Wakita also assisted in putting together the brochure.

Gary Maxwell reported on a Concert "Many Voices, One Song" which will be held on August 19, 2007 at the Unitarian Sanctuary, 1535 Santa Barbara St. at 3:00 P.M. This concert is being sponsored by PAX 2100 and the Santa Barbara Chapter of UNESCO and he distributed flyers to the Board members and asked for their support in getting the information to their groups.

REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS:

Puerto Vallarta: Dave Gorbet reported they are have a Picnic in Manning Park this afternoon at 4:30 and welcomed everyone to attend. He also reported the visitors from Puerto Vallarta will be arriving on July 27th. The El Fandango dinner/dance will be at the Elks on July 28th and is open to the public. He said that the Exchange students from Puerto Vallarta will be here for two weeks taking English class at Wake Center.

Dingle, Ireland: Carey Rogers reported they will be having a joint meeting with the Santa Barbara Historical Society on July 12th at Mulligans and extended and invitation to attend. She said they also have an exchange student in Dingle now and have a college student from Dingle in Santa Barbara working at the Goleta Water Board. He is an Engineering student and will be here for the summer.

Toba, Japan: Linda Mathews reported they will have 4 exchange students from Toba arriving on July 27th and will be having a pool party for them on July 29th from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. to which the other Board members are invited.

Weihai, China: Gerald Corrigan reported that Weihai also has an exchange student, a high school girl, in Santa Barbara now.

San Juan, Philippines: Jeremy Hass reported that the San Juan Sister City group will be sponsoring the Christmas Mass at the Presidio on December 15th .

On a motion duly made, seconded and carried the meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet Baker, Recording Secretary