

**Minutes of the Sister City Board Meeting of
November 7, 2007**

Meeting of the Santa Barbara Sister Cities Board was called to order by Chairperson, Gerald Corrigan at 12:00 noon on November 7, 2007. Secretary was asked to call the roll. Members attending were: Gerald Corrigan, Chairperson; Takako Wakita, Vice Chairperson; Janet Baker, Recording Secretary; Judith McDermott, Dingle, Ireland; Jaime Sodusta, San Juan, Philippines; Dave Gorbet, Puerto Vallarta, Mexico; Craig Nielsen, Puerto Vallarta, Mexico (Alt.); and Linda Mathews, Toba, Japan. Linda Gunther, Staff Representative.

On a motion duly made, seconded and carried the minutes of the September 5, 2007 were approved as mailed.

Calendar of Events for November and December were reviewed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

9/11 CONCERT REVIEW: Takako Wakita presented the Financial Report which showed donations of \$1800.00. Expenses - \$1593.65 for a profit of \$206.35. Takako said the entertainment was wonderful but the attendance was very disappointing. Comments regarding the low attendance could be that it was too early as most people work until 5 P.M., Not enough advance publicity. Consider changing location. E-mail from Gil Garcia suggesting co-sponsoring the Peace Concert in place of 9/11 Concert. Takako showed a plaque from SCI in recognition of our 9/11 Concert participation.

UNITED NATIONS CELEBRATION RECAP: Everyone was in agreement that it was a very good event, plenty of food, great entertainment. After due discussion on a motion duly made, seconded and carried it was moved to donate \$150.00 to the singers that entertained to help them get established. It was also agreed that raising the fee to \$15.00 for those not bringing food was successful as we had plenty of food this time. Takako said we did make a profit but she did not have all the bills in yet and will give a final report at the next meeting. Linda Mathews suggested we might consider having a single theme each year representing a different country.

YOUTH CONFERENCE: Gerald said that he had invited Roseann Crawford to attend this meeting to give a report on the Conference but she was not able to attend. Hopefully she can attend the January meeting and give a report.

PROGRAM REVIEW: Gerald introduced Craig Nielsen, President of the Puerto Vallarta, Mexico Sister City Committee who presented a concept of a program the Puerto Vallarta Committee is considering promoting regarding the increased violence in gang activity in Santa Barbara. The plan is to bring a speaker from some city that has a successful program established to come to Santa Barbara for an open Forum, inviting City Council members, Law Enforcement, etc. and open to the public. At the present time the Puerto Vallarta Committee is a non-profit sponsor of the Cinco de Mayo celebration in May part of the mission statement for this event is to bring Latino culture and business to the downtown area. Mr. Nielsen asked that the Representatives take this information back to their respective Boards for consideration to participate.

ANNUAL REPORT: Mr. Corrigan distributed copies of his Annual Report to the City Council

SANTA BARBARA/KOTOR SISTER CITY STATUS: Nothing to report.

REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS:

San Juan, Philippines: Jaime Sodusta reported that their membership is about 20 now. They are planning a Bar-b-que but does not have a firm date yet.

Puerto Vallarta, Mexico: Dave Gorbet reported that five of their members attended the U.S. Mexico Conference in San Miguel. Also, 44 members plus 2 Sheriff's deputies and I. Modanarri artists will be going on the annual visitation to Puerto Vallarta the end of November for 10 days.

Dingle, Ireland: Judith McDermott reported that a student from Santa Barbara was sent to Dingle and one came from Dingle to Santa Barbara this summer. No trip to Dingle is planned for this year, hopefully will have one next year.

Toba, Japan: Linda Mathews reported that 20 people went on the trip to Japan end of September and in October Takako hosted a party in her home for those on the trip to bring their pictures to share with everyone. A New Year's Dinner is planned for February, no date and place firmed at this time. Also, planning a trip in the Spring to the Japanese Museum in Los Angeles.

Next meeting will be on January 9, 2008

Meeting adjourned at 1:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet Baker, Recording Secretary