



# Santa Barbara Sister Cities Board



## MINUTES

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July 9, 2008

Meeting was called to order by Chairperson, Gerald Corrigan at 12:00 noon. Members attending were: Gerald Corrigan, Chairperson; Janet Baker, Recording Secretary; David Gorbet, Puerto Vallarta, Mexico; Jaime Sodusta, San Juan, Phillipines; Linda Mathews, Toba, Japan; Sadie Hall and Liz O'Scanlon, Weihai, China; Linda Gunther, Staff Representative. Guests: Gil Garcia and George Lilly

On a motion duly made, seconded and carried the minutes of the May 14, 2008 meeting were approved.

Review of Calendar of Events for 2008

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Gerald reported on the Iraqi Young Leaders Exchange Program. At the May meeting it was decided it was too late to participate but would consider for next year. However, Jan Olivas of the Puerto Vallarta Sister City Committee organized and selected a student from Santa Barbara, Sabrina Roan to attend. The Puerto Vallarta group raised \$2000.00 and the Sister Cities Board contributed \$200.00 for her expenses and she will attend the Legacy International Global Citizen Camp in Virginia this month following the SCI International Conference.

Gerald reported the Annual Report for Sister Cities for the period June 30, 2007 - June 30, 2008 is due and asked the Representatives to get them to him as soon as possible. He said to keep them simple and not to exceed one page. He gave them a copy of last year's report to use as a guide.

Gerald reported that after working with the Kotor group in trying to establish them as a Sister City he decided the Guidelines for Establishing a Sister City should be revised. He passed out a draft to the Representatives and it will be discussed at the September meeting for final approval.

Gerald reminded everyone of the United Nations Celebration on October 23, 2008 and asked the Representatives to be thinking of ways to improve the event and to discuss with their Boards as to what duties they want to accept.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

**KOTOR SISTER CITY PROPOSAL STATUS:** Gerald reported he had attended a meeting of the group. The delegation from Kotor that were due to come to Santa Barbara canceled. Mr. Lilly said that he had talked to a Chef at a restaurant in Santa Monica that is originally from Kotor and goes back every year in August to teach a class in cooking to under privileged children in two orphanages in Kotor. He is acquainted with the City officials in Kotor and would be happy to make any contacts needed while he is there. Mr. Lilly said that a group from Santa Barbara are planning to visit Kotor in October and before they go he would like to have an informal meeting with Santa Barbara Mayor Blum.

**9/11 PEACE CONCERT:** Gerald called on Gil Garcia to report on plans for the Concert. Gil reported he would like to have the concert at SBCC this year. He said he had met with Peter Haslund and he suggested the West Campus as the site and SBCC would set up the sound. It was suggested having it at noon. The problem of parking was discussed as school is in session. Ms Hall said she would like to see more advertising this year. Past concerts have been good but not well attended. Gil said need to set up a Budget but need to wait to see what extent SBCC's support will be, he also said he would appreciate a representative from each Sister City on his committee, After due discussion, on a motion duly made, seconded and carried it was moved to approve the Sister Cities Board allocate not to exceed \$500.00 toward expenses for concert.

**REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS (Not to exceed 3 minutes)**

**Puerto Vallarta, Mexico:** David Gorbet reported the Committee is busy finalizing plans for the upcoming visitation of the Puerto Vallarta group who will be arriving on July 25th. Events planned starting with the El Fandango on July 26th and something planned for everyday through August 1st. Exchange Students from Puerto Vallarta will be in Santa Barbara July 16-19th. Also, started taking reservations in June for the annual trip to Puerto Vallarta the end of November for 10 days.

**Weihai, China:** Liz O'Scanlon reported the group will be having a meeting and membership drive on July 27th at the State & Restaurant. She said they also plan to take an active part in the 9/11 Concert and the United Nations Celebration. Plans are being made for Chalk Festival in Weihai in June 2009. Hoping for three and possibly four trips: one for week or 10 days, one for two weeks and one for three weeks and possibly a fourth for teachers to go for two weeks to teach and their airfare would be paid and then meet in Weihai for the Chalk Festival.

**San Juan, Phillipines:** Jaime Sodusta reported the group sponsored a play at UCSB in April. He said the President of the Santa Barbara Phillipine

Community has joined their group and is planning to go to San Juan in August to try to get things going over there. He reported the Chief Justice of Phillipines is planning to visit Solvang in August and they hope to get him to come to Santa Barbara.

Toba, Japan: Linda Mathews reported the Exchange Students from Japan will be arriving later part of July and they will be taking part in the Fiesta Parade. Nothing else planned for rest of summer.

Dingle, Ireland: No one from Dingle Sister City present. Gerald said he had talked to Carey Rogers and Erin Graffy regarding trying to get the Dingle group active again. Basically they have members but no leaders. It was decided to give them a few more months to try and get things going again.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:05 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
Janet Baker, Recording Secretary