



Santa Barbara Sister Cities Board



MINUTES

Santa Barbara Sister Cities Board September 3, 2008

Meeting was called to order at 12:00 Noon by Chairperson, Gerald Corrigan. The Chair asked the Secretary to call the roll. Members present were: Gerald Corrigan, Chairperson; Takako Wakita, Vice Chairperson; Janet Baker, Recording Secretary; David Gorbet, Puerto Vallarta, Mexico; Gary Maxwell, Toba, Japan; Linda Mathews, Toba, Japan; Jeanne Graffy, Dingle, Ireland. Guests: Marti and Gil Garcia; George Lilly; Roseanne Crawford; and Bob Peirson.

On a motion duly made, seconded and carried the minutes of the July 9, 2008 were approved.

Review of Calendar Events for 2008 No changes

Announcements: Takako Wakita gave a brief report on the SCI Convention held in Kansas City, Mo. on July 16th. She said there were 500 in attendance which was down from last year, with 100 Youth attending. The 2009 SCI Convention will be held in Belfast, Ireland. Harriet Fore from Santa Barbara was the keynote speaker. Takako also shared pictures of her recent visit to Kotor, Montenegro which is applying to be a Sister City to Santa Barbara. She was very impressed with the town and its people.

Measure G: Mr. Corrigan called on Mr. Bob Peirson, Director of Finance for City of Santa Barbara to explain what Measure G is all about and why it is important to vote in support of this measure on November 4th.

9/11 Peace Concert: Mr. Corrigan called on Gil Garcia, Chairman of this event for an update. Mr. Garcia stated the performers have been lined up and a budget has been established. The Concert is scheduled for September 11th at noon at SBCC West Campus. He said that Professor Peter Haslund had been very helpful with making arrangements for the Concert. Hopefully the turn out will be better this year than last year.

United Nations Day Celebration: Mr. Corrigan called for discussion on whether we should have entertainment. He said he could get a group of musicians from City College, no charge. He said he hopes to see alot more people from the General Public attend this year as well as dignitaries from the City Council and Mayor Blum. Duties for the evening were assigned each of the Sister Cities Group. Takako also suggested that she purchase additional food as there will probably be more people opt to pay the \$15.00 instead of bringing food and we don't want to run out, which has happened in the past.

Youth Conference: Roseanne Crawford, Coordinator for this event, distributed