



Santa Barbara Sister Cities Board



MINUTES

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November 5, 2008

Meeting was called to order by Chairperson, Gerald Corrigan at 12:00 noon. Secretary called the Roll, members attending were: Gerald Corrigan, Chairperson; Takako Wakita, Vice Chairperson, Janet Baker, Recording Secretary; David Gorbet, Puerto Vallarta, Mexico; Linda Mathews, Toba, Japan; Roger Horton, City Council Liaison and Linda Gunther, Staff Representative.

On a motion duly made, seconded and carried the minutes of the September 3, 2008 were approved as corrected.

Review of the Calendar of Events for the remainder of 2008 and for proposed for 2009

ANNONCEMENTS: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

UNITED NATIONS DAY CELEBRATION: No final report as yet as all bills have not been received. George Lilly gave a donation of \$100.00. Reported that we ran out of food, possibly due to the fact that several people attended that had not made reservations. Janet Baker reported that she was working the front desk checking people in and when a large group would come in at once it was difficult for one person to be sure that everyone had either brought food or was paying the \$15.00 and also some people came in the side entrance and never came to check in with her, she suggested that next year at least two people work the front desk and one person monitor the side entrance.

9/11 CONCERT: Takako presented a financial report for the concert and she said the profit of \$561.57 was used to reimburse Puerto Vallarta and Weihai Sister Cities. Discussion was held as to whether the Board wishes to continue with the 9/11 concert as it has not been well attended and not profitable. This may be due to the fact that September is problematical as far as weather is concerned and as the concerts have been held outside may have contributed to the low attendance. It was suggested that we might consider having it at the Unitarian Church inside, which has been used for other events which have proved successful. No decision was made as to discontinuing this event.

REVISED GUIDELINES FOR ESTABLISHING A NEW SISTER CITY: Mr. Corrigan presented a revised Guideline for Establishing a New Sister City and after review by the Board on a motion duly made, seconded and carried it was moved that this item be tabled to the January meeting for further discussion and vote.

REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS:

Puerto Vallarta, Mexico: David Gorbet reported that 54 members will be leaving on November 29th for the annual visitation to Puerto Vallarta. The 10 Madonari artists from Santa Barbara will also be going down later in the week to do their art work on the Plaza in front of City Hall.

Toba, Japan: Linda Mathews reported they are in the planning stages for their New Year's Celebration. Also, the classical performer, Shizumi, will be returning for a performance the end of January. She also reported they are planning a memorial on December 6th for Heartie Anne Look who was instrumental in getting the Tea House. Also, Dan Adler ran for the SCI Youth Program but lost by one vote. He is planning a trip to Toba on November 14th and plans to visit the Mayor of Toba.

ANNUAL REPORT: Mr. Corrigan reported he had prepared and sent to the Mayor the Annual Report for Sister Cities which covers the period of July 2007 to June 2008, As Mr. Corrigan does not plan to apply for another term on the Sister Cities Board this was his last meeting as Chairperson and he thanked everyone for their support during his tenure.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet Baker, Recording Secretary