



# MINUTES

## Arvada Sister Cities International

Tuesday, February 17, 2009

Arvada City Hall – 3B

- I. CALL TO ORDER – 5:30 p.m. by President Bernie Burgmaier
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES of the regular and special retreat meeting of January 17, 2009. Motion for approval without changes was made by Karl Burgmaier, seconded by Bob Jackson, and passed unanimously. (Note: regular meeting of January 20, 2009, was previously cancelled).
- III. REPORTS:
  - A. City Council: No report.
  - B. City of Arvada: No report.
  - C. Committee Reports:
    1. Marketing/Communications: Presentations of the ASCI official delegation visit to Jinzhou, China in October, 2008, were given to the Arvada City Council and APEX. A similar presentation is being scheduled with the Optimist Club. The Arvada Report also provided an article in its recent edition regarding ASCI's visit.
    2. Mechelen: Discussion was had regarding the nature of the continuing relationship with ASCI and Mechelen. City Councilmember Aaron Azari suggested that a letter be written to as to whether some sort of a relationship should be continued, and if so, the exact nature of such a relationship between the City of Arvada and Mechelen as sister cities.
    3. Kyzylorda: No formal report. Edna Gordon commented that Kyzylorda has indicated environmental climate issues to the year 2010, including tree buffering and water quality. Local assistance and advice, through the use of professional volunteers, in addressing these issues was mentioned by City Councilmember Aaron Azari.
    4. Jinzhou: The major issue addressed was "What's next?" It was agreed that a meeting be scheduled to address this issue with a tentative date of March 10. Beth Whittier was added to the committee.
    5. Education: No formal report. City Councilmember Aaron Azari commented that e-mails have been exchanged with students of Jinzhou and local area schools.
    6. Fundraisers: Frances Evans and Nancy Munn agreed, and were appointed, to the Fundraising Committee. Suggestion was made to focus on restaurants to support ASCI's efforts.
    7. New Business: As previously requested, Beth Whittier reported on the 501 (c)3 status of ASCI. After discussion, it was agreed that ASCI's status was in overall good corporate status. Issues to be further reviewed included the amended and restated By-Laws dated

April 19, 2005, and the Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation. Gordon Reusink agreed to assist in this matter.

IV. TREASURER'S REPORT: ASCI Nancy Bentzen presented the Treasurer's Report for the period January 1 – February 17, 2009. Report accepted without objection. It was requested that such Treasurer's Report be included as an attachment to the minutes.

V. COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: A new ASCI notebook was issued to each member present for the year 2009, to include, but not limited to, ASCI Board of Directors and members, as well as a spreadsheet for ASCI volunteer hours. Comment was made that the ASCI Officers were not mentioned in the January 17, 2009, minutes.

VI. ADJOURNMENT: 6:35 p.m.

ASCI Members in attendance: Sonia Marschner, Aaron Azari, Gordon Reusink, Connie Williams, Douglas Gordon, Nancy Bentzen, N. K. Chang, Maria Tibbetts, Ed Bentzen, Nancy Munn, Frances Evans, Beth Whittier, Bob Jackson, Shirley Jackson, Eva Zerr, Karl Burgmaier, Bernie Burgmaier, and Edna Gordon.