



# MINUTES

## Arvada Sister Cities International

Tuesday, April 21, 2009

Arvada City Hall – 3B

- I. CALL TO ORDER – 5:35 p.m. by President Bernie Burgmaier
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES of the regular meeting of March 17, 2009. Motion for approval was made, seconded, and passed unanimously. Approval of minutes of the Jinzhou Committee’s special meeting of March 10, 2009. Motion for approval was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.
- III. REPORTS:
  - A. City Council: No report.
  - B. City of Arvada: Gordon Reusink presented a status report of the City’s sales tax collections for the years 2007 – 2008. Mr. Reusink anticipated a 3% decrease in sales tax collections in 2009 with an estimated 5% decrease in City funding for 2009 – 2010. Mr. Reusink introduced Ed Tomlinson, Chair of the Arvada Harvest Festival Parade. Mr. Tomlinson gave a presentation of the goals and objectives for the 2009 Festival, including, increased fund raising such as making available food for the participants and their families/friends, upgrading of vendors’ booths to go “green”, improvement and addition of viewing stands, background music with the theme “The Music Man”, adding more color to the parade, increasing the number of participants with an anticipated 30 high school bands, and the inclusion of 6<sup>th</sup> grade students as parade judges. The Olde Town Arvada theatre will be the staging area. A couple of ideas were expressed as to the City’s entry, *i.e.*, the Summer Olympics, notable persons over the age of 89, and patriotism.

Concerns were raised by ASCI members as to the cost of a booth for non-profit versus for-profit entities. Mr. Tomlinson indicated that no decision has yet been made. Another concern was parking. In response, shuttles are being considered from the Arvada Center, and possibly near-by churches and pre-schools. The ASCI has been considering a Margaritaville Garden as in former years. In response to Ed Bentzen’s inquiry as to liquor insurance, Gordon Reusink indicated that a special insurance rider would be needed in an estimated amount of \$1,300.
  - C. Committee Reports:
    1. Mechelen: No status report was available.
    2. Kyzylorda: No formal status report was available. For informational purposes, it was indicated that Microsoft has been providing grants to Sister Cities in Africa.
    3. Jinzhou: Dr. Chang provided an update on the recent AEDA meeting. Bruce Nickerson had suggested the formation of a joint committee between EDC/ASCI to formulate topical and educational ideas for Jinzhou’s consideration. Edna

Gordon volunteered for the fundraising committee. The next Jinzhou Committee meeting is scheduled for May 5, 2009, at 5:30 p.m. in the Anne Campbell room.

4. Education: Connie Williams indicated there was no formal update.
  5. Fundraisers: Edna Gordon suggested that informational brochures on Jinzhou be generated for general distribution.
  6. New Business: Two respective presentations were given to APEX and the Optimist Club regarding the City's visit to Jinzhou. A similar presentation is scheduled in May to the Newcomers.
- IV. TREASURER'S REPORT: Nancy Bentzen presented the Treasurer's Report for the period March 17 – April 20, 2009. Report accepted without objection. It was previously requested that such Treasurer's Report be included as an attachment to the minutes.
- V. COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: None, except as otherwise reported above.
- VI. ADJOURNMENT: 6:35 p.m.

ASCI Members in attendance: Sonia Marschner, Beth Whittier, N.K. Chang, Gordon Reusink, Dale Williams, Connie Williams, Karl Burgmaier, Eva Zerr, Maria Tibbetts, Edwin Bentzen, Bernie Burgmaier, Edna Gordon, Nancy Bentzen, Douglas L. Gordon, Jim Branaugh, Char Branaugh, and Nina Rupp.

Recording Secretary: Beth A Whittier Date: April 21, 2009  
Beth A. Whittier

Submitted at the ASCI regular business meeting of May 19, 2009.

Approved without revisions.

Approved with the following revisions: