

ARVADA SISTER CITIES INTERNATIONAL

Meeting Minutes

Feb 15, 2011

I. Call to order-5:30pm

Present- Edna Gordon, Bob Jackson, Shirley Jackson, Eva Zerr, Sharee Wickmann, Bernie Burgmaier, Nancy Munn, Nancy Bentzen, Edwin Bentzen, Connie Williams, Dale Williams, Gordon Reusink, Mark McGoff, Sonia Marschner, Beth Whittier

II. Certificates of Appreciation presented to Connie Williams and Doug Gordon for their Leadership and Service in 2010 for ASCI.

III. Approval of Minutes- Approved Jan 18, 2011 minutes

IV. Old Business:

A. Year End Report and Presentation to City Council- Sonia Marschner and Connie Williams developed a Power Point Presentation and showed it to the group.

B. Chinese New Year's Presentation- Edna Gordon and Nancy Bentzen- Nancy has pictures that she will compile and put on disk.

C. ASCI Hospitality Policy- Dinner in the amount of \$350 for the Chinese performers at the New Year's Celebration was approved by the Executive Board via Email. Dr. Chang voted in opposition and Jodie Haslam did not respond.

D. Acceptance of the Recommendations of the ASCI Retreat Meeting- see document distributed at this meeting. All recommendations approved with the following notes/ information:

Item 1. C. ASCI Meetings will continue on the third Tuesday of the month, with a 6:00pm start time. If there is no business to discuss, the meeting may be replaced with a social or educational activity.

Item D. General ASCI events- Jodie Haslam volunteered to be Chair, with Dale Williams, Beth Whittier and Nancy Munn's assistance.

Item D. iii. Sister Cities International involvement- Someone to go to conference next year; the City will pay for registration, but the member pays travel expenses.

Item E. ii. New Sister Cities- Considering an English-speaking city in Europe or Canada. Applications have been submitted.

V. Reports

A. CITY COUNCIL- Mark McGoff- reports that the City Manager, Craig Kocian, will be leaving in September, 2011. He was supportive of ASCI funding and activities. A new City Manager is being recruited and the ASCI will need to educate the new city manager. Mark McGoff suggested that a presentation be developed, similar to the 2011 Year End Report and Presentation.

B. CITY OF ARVADA- Gordon Reusink-There is one member of the Chamber of Commerce who has a client that does business in Jinzhou. A member packet and information will be sent to the prospective member.

C. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Mechelen- A motion was made by Nancy Munn and approved 7-4, to dissolve the official Sister City relationship. (An informal relationship might continue with members of the Toy Museum.) See document, *Recommendations ASCI Retreat Meeting*, item 2.A., for next step
2. Kyzylorda- Connie Williams will be following up about activities with Kyzylorda. She noted that the Denver Botanic Gardens is bringing seeds from Kazakhstan to plant in the garden here.
3. Jinzhou- Sonia Marschner has a copy of the proposed agenda for the High School students' visit to China in July, 2011. The public was treated to a performance by the artists visiting from Jinzhou, and the Chinese School in Denver. 2012 will be the Year of the Dragon and the New Year is on Jan 23rd.

Other Business:

Treasurer's Report- Nancy Bentzen

Communications and Announcements

A reminder to report volunteer hours to Brenda Berg.

Adjournment 7:30pm