ARVADA SISTER CITIES INTERNATIONAL

Meeting Minutes April 19, 2011

I. CALL TO ORDER-6:05pm

Present- Edna Gordon, Nancy Bentzen, Eva Zerr, Sharee Wickmann, Amparo Ramos Humphrey, Mark McGoff, Aaron Azari, Sonia Marschner, Beth Whittier

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES- March, 2011 minutes approved with the following addition/correction: City Council Report: The City of Arvada strongly supports community gardens. One of these gardens, at 57th Avenue and Field Street, is within a designated Urban Renewal area. If an Outline Development should be approved for the Urban Renewal area, it may be necessary to relocate this community garden at some point in the future. If a relocation should be required, the City has committed to finding another acceptable location in the same general area. Currently, other community gardens are located at 60th and Marshall and within the Five Parks subdivision.

III. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Calendar of Events- distributed new calendar
B. Attendance/Volunteer Sheet: guest in attendance, Amparo Ramos Humphrey, who was born and raised in Spain, is a Spanish and French language teacher.
C. About Arvada Expo: Sonia Marschner and Beth Whittier reported on event.

IV. REPORTS:

A. CITY COUNCIL: City Councilmember Mark McGoff- There is a study in process to bring Satellite Service to Arvada. Family Fun Center is opening in Arvada, near Sports Authority.

B. CITY OF ARVADA:

C. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Mechelen: Nancy Bentzen, Friendship agreement with Toy Museum
2. Kyzylorda: nothing to report.
3. Jinzhou: nothing to report
4. New Sister Cities: nothing to report
5. Ad Hoc Committee: The committee is looking at the by-laws; there are no major changes being recommended at this point.

V. TREASURER'S REPORT: Distributed Budget/Expense report and Treasurer's report.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Consideration of Dr. Breann Symmonds as outside speaker on wellness topics was discussed. It was determined that this topic is not within the mission of ASCI.

B. ASCI Events

1. Arvada Chamber of Commerce-

a. Sharee Wickmann and Eva Zerr attended and paid for their own meal.

b. Appointment /designation of ASCI representatives- Regarding Luncheon and Breakfast meetings, Councilmember Mark McGoff can report for Sister Cities, as he often attends. ASCI information can be put into the Arvada Chamber of Commerce email newsletter. Nancy Bentzen attends some meetings and can also report ASCI information.

c. Reimbursement policy: Motion was approved to have City councilmember Mark McGoff attend on behalf of ASCI, any other ASCI members may attend at their own expense.

2. ASCI Garage Sale to benefit Arvada High School student's visit to China- need help with set up. Requesting that no printers, computers or clothing be donated for the sale.

3. Christmas dinner- tabled discussion

4. Other Potential ASCI events-

Fourth of July festivities: requesting a booth
Harvest Festival Parade
High Tea/Silent auction
2012 Chinese New Year's Celebration

VII: Communications and Announcements: Aaron Azari is donating money towards a scholarship fund to benefit Arvada High School student's trip to China. Julie Wei to determine where the need is the greatest.

Arvada High School students will come to September meeting to report on their trip. Thanks to Nancy Bentzen who submitted an article to be published in the Arvada Report.

Adjournment 7:15pm