



ARVADA SISTER CITIES INTERNATIONAL

Meeting Minutes May 17, 2011

I. CALL TO ORDER-6:00pm

Present- Beth Whittier, Dale Williams, Eva Zerr, Sharee Wickmann, Shirley Jackson, Bob Jackson, Douglas Gordon, Edna Gordon, Nancy Munn, N.K. Chang, Connie Williams, Amparo Ramos Humphrey, Bernadine Burgmaier, Nina Rupp, Nancy Bentzen, Sonia Marschner, Kendra Thompson

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES- April, 2011 minutes were not approved. Did not have enough members, therefore all motions need to be reaffirmed. A formal motion was taken to approve the minutes, for ASCI to pay for Mark McGoff to attend Chamber of Commerce meetings, and for Aaron Azari's donation to be used for a scholarship fund. Sharee Wickmann made the motion and Bob Jackson seconded. Motions approved.

III. OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Chamber of Commerce presentation-Chamber has breakfast meetings. ASCI is now on the website events page, garage sale was posted on it. Anyone can attend monthly meetings. Member Spotlight- we will do.
- B. Update on ASCI Arvada High School Garage Sale- Garage Sale was very successful. Sold a total of \$470.80. The students worked hard. Sonia read a "thank you" card from the Chinese language teacher, Julie Wei, for ASCI support.
- C. Home Stay for students from China with the Compass USA program: There is an opportunity to host a student.

IV. REPORTS:

A. CITY COUNCIL:

B. CITY OF ARVADA:

C. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Mechelen: Nancy Bentzen; no report. New business in Olde Town Manne Ken Fritez, a Belgium, opening June 20
2. Kyzylorda: nothing to report.
3. Jinzhou: Bernie Burgmaier and Nina Rupp are going to draft a letter to get things going. There was a discussion around the Scholarship and what to give students. The Executive Committee is going to have a special meeting to consider approval of \$1,000 from the 501C3. More information is needed regarding the student's travel plans.
4. New Sister Cities: Lithuania is seeking a Sister city. It is not an English speaking country. Most are Russian Speaking. Will not seek

this out. Guana, Africa is seeking a Sister City relationship. Group does not want a relationship with Guana.

5. Ad Hoc Committee: Committee did not work on anything last month

V. TREASURER'S REPORT: Nancy Bentzen filed the taxes for 2010. She distributed the Treasurer's report; the ending balance as of May 17th is \$18,104.29. Nancy also distributed an updated membership list.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. 2011 ASCI EVENTS: Coordinators- Jodie Haslam. Beth Whittier and Dale Williams

1. Update on High Tea/Silent Auction: Bernie Burgmaier reported that a Christmas Tea is too much work during the holiday season. The plans for a High Tea and Silent Auction have been canceled.
2. Christmas Dinner-invitees: location, costs, etc
3. Other Potential 2011 ASCI Events
 - a. Fourth of July festivities- to be discussed at next meeting.
 - b. Harvest Festival Parade- to be discussed at next meeting. The date is Sept 10th. The Dragon with Lion Dance
 - c. 1012 Chinese New Year's Celebration

VII: Communications and Announcements:

June 4th is Trails Day; Sister Cities will share a table with the Festivals Committee. Business After Hours- Chamber of Commerce hosts at Indian Tree, from 5-7pm. Board Members welcome to attend.

Dragon Boat Festival is July 30-31. There is a possibility of sponsoring a boat next year for \$75.

Fundraising: Need a purpose/goal. Need to answer the question; Why are we raising funds and who benefits from it?

Adjournment 7:15pm