

# ARVADA SISTER CITIES INTERNATIONAL

Meeting Minutes July 19, 2011

## I. CALL TO ORDER-6:00pm

**Present-** Beth Whittier, Dale Williams, Connie Williams, Nancy Bentzen, Karl Burgmaier, Bernie Burgmaier, N.K.Chang, Shirley Jackson, Bob Jackson, Eva Zerr, Sharee Wichmann, Jodie Haslam,

## II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES- June, 2011 minutes were approved.

## III. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Fourth of July Festivities- Beth Whittier thanked Shirley Jackson and Nancy Bentzen for volunteering at the ASCI table which was shared with the Festivals Commission at the Arvada Fourth of July Celebration.

## IV. REPORTS:

A. **CITY COUNCIL:** no report

B. **CITY OF ARVADA:** no report

### C. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Mechelen: no report
2. Kyzylorda: Connie Williams has been in email contact with various people from Kyzlorda inquiring as to the possibility of a visit. The Board felt that more information was needed before asking Bob Frie, the Arvada Mayor, to formally invite the Kyzylorda delegation to visit Arvada. The board agreed (Nancy Bentzen made the motion, Sharee Wichmann seconded) that the invitation would not be extended until the following questions were answered:
  - A. What is the official business agenda?
  - B. How many days is it feasible to host the delegation? (Four or five days has been the norm)
  - C. What monetary resources are available and reasonable? (There is \$3,000 in the budget.) The board agreed that the costs for the visit must not exceed the budget. ( Connie W. made the motion, Bernie seconded)
  - D. What activities would the ASCI be responsible for providing? (Reception at City Hall, a dinner with ASCI Board members, home hosting?)
3. Jinzhou: no report
4. New Sister Cities: no report

5. Ad Hoc Committee: A meeting was held to review the current by-laws and the committee will make suggestions for minor changes at the next Board meeting.

**V. TREASURER'S REPORT:** Nancy Bentzen reported that there was no activity last month, except interest earned, the balance in the ASCI account is \$14,844.53

**VI. NEW BUSINESS:** 2011 ASCI upcoming events:

- Harvest Festival Parade- The application is due soon and plans are underway to investigate the cost and feasibility of various displays, advertising and participation.
- Christmas Party- The Board agreed to hold the Christmas Party at West Wood Golf Club again. (Bernie Burgmaier made the motion and seconded by Karl B.)
- 2012 Chinese New Year's Celebration: no report

**VII: Communications and Announcements:**

- Beth Whittier purchased the paper for new brochures. The content needs updating and Jodie H. agreed to give input on new verbiage.
- N.K. Chang reports that is an exciting time for citizens in China, as the government now allows people to purchase a home.
- The City is offering a Leadership program for personal development; an application was available for those interested.

**Adjournment 6:40pm**