

Corvallis Uzhhorod Sister City Association Board Minutes

November 17, 2011

Korvis Building

The CUSCA Board meeting was called to order by President Ken Trueba at 7:10 p.m. following a slide presentation by Els Lofgren on her trip to Nepal. New Board members Martin Vartanov and Nandan Rao were introduced.

Board Members Present: Shelly Hunt, Robert Kykyneshi, Els Lofgren, Bardon Maginnis, Lupe Maginnis, Nandan Rao, Vita Rosoha, Sue Trautwein, Ken Trueba, Martin Vartanov. Absent: Carla Francis, Gary Meddaugh, Jack Peterson, Marc Vomocil. Associates Present: Alice Rampton, Jeanne Raymond.

Board Minutes: Minutes of the October 16 annual retreat and of the June 13 meeting were approved as emailed.

Financial Report: Shelly Hunt reported that the CUSCA balance is \$19,408 and the TOUCH balance is \$14,112.

Fundraising: Lupe Maginnis will check for a venue for the bogrash dinner on Friday, May 18. Sister Cities Week will be May 13-19, 2012.

Battle of the Bands: Robert Kykyneshi reported that the Battle of the Bands at OSU will be held the last week in May. At present, only OSU student bands may participate; however, Robert will contact the organizers and stress the cultural value of having a Sister City band participate. A youth band in Uzhhorod has been contacted. The band's name is Doping (musical doping) and consists of three people—it would be relatively inexpensive to bring these three people over and arrange homestays for their visit. Concern was expressed about the band's name. Vita Rosoha will find out more about the band. The group consensus was that this is a good idea and that we should pursue this quickly through email discussion in order that arrangements can be made in time.

Other cultural exchange possibilities were discussed including a singer (Vita will send a video clip) and a sand artist (Alice will send a link).

Membership: Robert Kykyneshi reported that we have a total of 87 members, some of that number may represent families. Fifteen are new members who signed up through the new line added to the TOUCH renewal form. Of the 87, 56 will need to renew for 2012. Robert and Mark Rampton are working on a new membership form and will begin the membership renewal drive in January. Thank you notes will be sent to new members.

Newsletter: Jack Peterson has sent a draft of the newsletter to Board members by email. Contact Jack with additions or suggestions.

TOUCH: Alice Rampton reported that about half the renewals are in already. About \$1,400 has been donated for a 26-passenger bus for the Rehab Center. Currently, they rent a bus at a cost of \$900 a month. TOUCH is applying for a grant as well as for Rotary assistance to help raise the \$50,000 needed for the van.

CSCA: A CSCA Board meeting was held last month; the dates for Sister Cities Week were set for May 13-19. The Board is working on revising the bylaws.

Meeting Schedule: Discussion followed on changing the meeting day due to conflicts for some Board members. We decided to stay with the third Thursday but to eliminate the December meeting. Our next meeting will be January 19.

Statewide Non Profit Financial Stewardship Workshop: We had previously agreed to send two people to this workshop, which will be held at the LaSells Stewart Center on January 21, 2012. Shelly Hunt agreed to attend with Carla Francis. Registration materials are online.

Other: Nandan Rao presented an idea for video penpaling. He is currently working with students from Gaza and would be interested in a Uzhhorod connection. Concern was expressed about the lack of access to the Internet for Uzhhorod students. Their regional library would be a possibility. Discussion followed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Trautwein, Secretary

Future Meeting Dates:
January 19, 2012
February 16, 2012
March 15, 2012
April 19, 2012
May 17, 2012
June 14, 2012
June 21, 2012 (annual meeting)