

Corvallis Uzhhorod Sister City Association Board Minutes

January 19, 2012

Korvis Building

The CUSCA Board meeting was called to order by President Ken Trueba at 7 p.m.

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

Board Minutes: Minutes of the November 17 meeting were approved as mailed.

Financial Report: The financial report showed a balance of \$19, 938.90 for CUSCA and \$30,729.78 for TOUCH. It was suggested that the Balance Sheet and P&L Statement be sent out in advance so that members could study them prior to our meetings. Ken Trueba will send the current reports out. (Financial papers on file)

Membership: Robert Kykyneshi reported that letters were ready to mail. We currently have 99 individual and family members. January 31 is the renewal deadline. Board members were reminded to renew.

DONATION: Alice Rampton reported that Bonnie and Eric Helpenstell (owners of Home Grown Gardens) recently donated \$1,000 to CUSCA through her, to be used as we see fit. The consensus was that \$500 be allocated to TOUCH and \$500 to CUSCA. Alice will send a thank you letter. It was suggested that the Helpenspells be made patron members for their donation.

TOUCH: Alice Rampton discussed the proposal for the new bus for the "Path of Life" Center in Uzhhorod. The project is to purchase a new 24-passenger bus with a wheelchair ramp. Currently, the Center rents a bus for \$900 a month—the rented bus is in poor shape and does not have a wheelchair ramp. The cost of the bus is \$53,000. TOUCH has raised \$5,000 so far and is partnering with the Corvallis Morning Rotary Club; they will be donating an additional \$2,000 and will be applying for matching funds from the District and International levels of Rotary. We need to secure \$13,000 by spring in order to have enough money. (Complete report on file) Discussion followed.

MOTION: Carla Francis moved/Els Lofgren seconded that CUSCA match the entire Helpenstell donation with another \$1,000 and that the full amount of \$2,000 be donated to the bus project. Motion carried.

Alice circulated a flyer with pictures of children who still need sponsors. She also reported that two computers are now in place at the New Family Center. Jack Peterson noted that HP offers a hardware match program in October/November that TOUCH might look into.

Mayoral Delegation: Discussion followed on the proposed mayoral delegation. The consensus was that we do not have extra funds to cover air fare and hotels; however, CUSCA should plan a dinner and/or reception, offer homestays, and arrange for meetings and/or tours with appropriate institutions. Ken Trueba will contact Katrin Bizilia to learn more about what is expected from us. He will then send an invitation to the Mayor's office.

Battle of the Bands Delegation: Robert Kykyneshi reported that OSU requires that at least one member of the band be an OSU student. It was suggested that a music student from OSU be asked to join the band. Robert will try to talk to someone in person about the possibilities.

CSCA/Sister Cities Week: The dates for Sister Cities Week are May 13-19. Els Lofgren has reserved the Footwise exhibit space and a meeting room for the annual meeting. Arrangements have been made for placing the banner over Harrison Street.

Abuse Prevention Coalition: Carla Francis presented a follow-up report on progress being made in Uzhhorod by the members of the delegation. Valentyna conducted an investigative research on child abuse and has presented at a psychology convention. Volodymer organized a team of street interviewers on the subject of violence in schools and presented the findings in a 2 ½ hour television show. Zita conducted a school survey in School #14. Volodymyr met with Regional Heads and now plans to work with parents directly and to create organizations that can deal with issues independent of the State. (Complete report on file)

Discussion followed. It was suggested that the Mayoral Delegation be invited to take a look at the abuse awareness issue while they are in Corvallis.

Brochure: The brochure needs updating before Sister Cities week if possible. Ken will check to see how many copies we now have. A different picture needs to be placed on the front page (current picture was taken in Kiev) and the membership form needs updating. Everyone was asked to check the brochure for needed revisions. Sue Trautwein will contact Kathy Meddaugh to find out who did the last brochure.

Fundraising: The bogrash dinner is scheduled for Friday, May 18, at the First Methodist Church community hall.

Newsletter: Jack Peterson requested that items for the next newsletter be submitted to him by the first week in April.

Other:

Alice Rampton presented a framed letter sent by the Uzhhorod Sister Cities Association, thanking CUSCA for the ATU6 shipment. Jeanne Raymond will present this to the City Council.

Peter Bober is taking the Umpqua Singers group to Uzhhorod in March. The Uzhhorod ZONTA will assist in hosting this group.

The meeting was adjourned at 9 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Trautwein, Secretary

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