

CORVALLIS – UZZHOROD SISTER CITY ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 16, 2012 KORVIS BUILDING

Attendance - Board members Ken Trueba, Els Lofgren, Carla Francis, Gary Meddaugh, Jack Peterson, Vita Rosoha, Robert Kykyneshi, Marc Vomocil. Guests - Alice Rampton (Advisory and TOUCH), Bob Stebbins (Flower basket committee), Ashley Eveleth (Corvallis Multicultural Literacy Center)

President Ken called the meeting to order at 7:15.

Ken introduced Ashley Eveleth, a volunteer at the Corvallis Multicultural Literacy Center (CMLC). Ashley offered her services and that of CMLC to assist with Sister Cities Week events such as displays or cooking classes, for example. Ashley discussed her Peace Corp activities in central Ukraine. She taught English and worked on human trafficking issues. Sister Cities Week is scheduled for May 13th through the 19th. The bogrash dinner is set for May 18th. There was much discussion about various possibilities of collaboration. Stay tuned.

Bob Stebbins led a discussion about the upcoming Spring flower basket fund raiser. He has sold his VW van so he will need help transporting plants to his house and to customers. Selling 300 baskets would raise about \$3,000. The project has to wait until after the last frost. The Spring Flower Sale at Central Park is set for May 6. Evan Fieman wants to help. Jack Peterson will be a leader of the flower basket transportation committee. The biggest job is selling. Help is needed from everyone. Bob will bring the final order form to the next board meeting on March 15.

The minutes from the January 19, 2012 Board meeting minutes were reviewed and discussed. Helpenstell was mis-spelled in the section on Donations and in the Motion on the bottom of page one. The Motion was made by Carla Francis, not Carla "Raymond". The first section labeled "Newsletter" near the top of page 2 should be deleted. The second section labeled "Newsletter" is correct. The second sentence in the Abuse Prevention Coalition section needs to be changed by adding "an" before 'investigative' and changing 'psychologist' to 'psychology'. Carla moved and Robert seconded to approve the minutes as modified. Motion passed.

Discussion occurred regarding revising and printing new brochures. Jack Peterson will lead the effort. A suggestion was made to ask Nandan Rao to help on the committee. Several volunteered to send photos to Jack.

On behalf of Treasurer Shelly, Ken presented a treasurer's report showing a balance sheet dated February 16, 2012 and a profit and loss statement dated July 1, 2011 through February 16, 2012. The report will be emailed to the Board.

Discussion was held regarding the menu and logistics of the May 18 bogrash dinner to be held at the First Methodist Church Community Room. There were comments made about ticket pricing including using a “suggested donation” strategy. \$10 to \$20 was the donation range that was highlighted. Gary Meddaugh volunteered to make tickets. A program needs to be developed for the event.

The next item that was discussed was the possibility of bringing a rock band from Uzhhorod to Corvallis and OSU. Concert venues that were mentioned include a Battle of Bands at OSU, DaVinci Days, and the Whiteside and Majestic Theaters. Costs could include airfare, visa fees, and ground transportation and might total over \$4,000. More homework is needed.

A membership report was discussed showing 30 new members (mostly as a result of TOUCH sponsorships), 48 renewed members, and 23 former members who have yet to renew.

Regarding the Newsletter status, Jack needs stories and other ideas sent to him by March 31.

Alice Rampton presented a TOUCH report. All eligible children are sponsored. There are 260 sponsors and donors. Randy Killen plans to go to Uzhhorod in April. About \$8,400 has been raised so far to buy a new bus for the Rehab Center. Carla is coordinating requests to Rotary for donations for the bus purchase. The total needed to buy the bus is \$56,000.

A discussion was held regarding helping street dogs in Uzhhorod. There is an ongoing need for humane animal treatment education activities. Peggy Giles and Vita Rosoha are pursuing opportunities to reduce the plight of street dogs in Uzhhorod. There are many ‘homeless, ownerless’ animals that don’t get any care. The Board is interested in learning more about this subject and the opportunities that exist to improve the situation.

Alice volunteered to submit a nomination to Sister Cities International for “The Best Overall Program” award.

The meeting was adjourned about 9:00 with an announcement that the next meeting will be on March 15.

Respectfully Submitted,
Marc Vomocil