

Corvallis Uzhhorod Sister City Association Board Minutes

April 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, Els Lofgren, Jack Peterson, Vita Rosoha, Sue Trautwein, Ken Trueba. **Associates Absent:** Shelly Hunt, Robert Kykyneshi, Bardon Maginnis, Lupe Maginnis, Gary Meddaugh, Martin Vartanov, Nanden Rao. **Associates Present:** Alice Rampton, Bob Stebbins. **Guests:** Peggy Giles, Ryan Hill, Ali McKay, Laura Niman.

Guest Topics were moved to the top of the agenda:

Flower Basket Sales: Bob Stebbins reported that 123 baskets are on order and 40 baskets have already been sold and delivered by Freda Barr. A signup list was passed for the basket sales table at the Spring plant sale on May 6 at the Arts Center Plaza by Central Park. The Ramptons will go early and help set up the canopy, table, and chairs. Ken Trueba will look for a small banner. Sue Trautwein will make signs. Jack Peterson will help load and deliver flowers to the sale. Discussion followed on transportation issues—Bill Francis will provide transport for the plant pickup next Monday.

Animal Care in Uzhhorod: Peggy Giles and three students from the OSU Veterinary Science program discussed the issue of feral animals in Uzhhorod. Uzhhorod currently has no animal shelter or program in place for the care of these animals; it is a human issue as well as an animal issue as unhealthy animals that often roam in packs are a threat to people. The students discussed the possible involvement of the International Student Veterinary Students Association. This organization currently has a project in Nicaragua and potentially could sponsor a similar program in Uzhhorod. They are planning a fun run on October 14 and are accepting raffle prizes, etc. Discussion followed—it was suggested that our next delegation to Uzhhorod include a veterinarian who could do an assessment of what needs to be done and how we could help. Susan Turnquist, a vet at OSU who is involved in international animal care issues was suggested as a possibility.

Minutes: Approval of the minutes was postponed until the next meeting. A card was circulated for Lupe Maginnis who is undergoing radiation.

Financial Report: Ken Trueba will email the financial report he received from Shelly Hunt.

Sister Cities Week: Sister Cities Week is May 13-19. The following activities were discussed:

Footwise: Els Lofgren and Ken Trueba will set up from 3-5 on Tuesday, April 24; Alice Rampton and Ken Trueba will take down on May 7 from 3-5.

Saturday Market: May 5. Jack Peterson will pick up chocolate candy from Taste of Europe in Salem. Els and Ken will set up and host the booth from 8:30 to 11; Alice and Mark Rampton will host from 11-1.

Bogrash Dinner: Friday, May 18, 6 p.m. at the Methodist Church Community Hall. Steve Broich will be the chef. Els will meet with him to finalize plans. Marie Ewanchyna will make the dinner rolls; Martin Varanov will make cakes. Help will be needed to prepare the food on Friday afternoon. Board members should also plan to bring side dishes. Sue Trautwein will make and distribute tickets for Board members to sell—ticket sales will be by donation

with the hope of getting \$15 per ticket (donations are 80 percent tax deductible). Entertainment possibilities were discussed—Jack Peterson has sent a memo to the Maharimba musicians who are in town (their leader is away) to see if enough are available; the Jubilates and the Umpqua singers were also suggested; Ken Trueba and Alice Rampton could bring slide shows.

Brochures: Brochures need to be at the Saturday market and flower basket sales tables. Alice Rampton offered to make stick-on labels to update some of the brochures.

Mayoral Delegation: The delegation is planning for the second week in June; they are still working on obtaining all the necessary visas. Members of the delegation will include Mayor Viktor Pohorelov, his spouse (Lyubov Pohorelova), the chief of police (Ivan Tsoka), chief prosecutor (Ivan Shtefanyuk), a city councilor (Anatoliy Synyshyn), city council secretary (Viktor Shchaedey), and the interpreter, Kateryna Bizilya. Alice Rampton and Carla Francis offered to provide homestays. Ken Trueba will contact Kateryna to find out what the delegation wants to do while they are here. It was suggested that the delegation committee meet to make further plans once the dates have been finalized and we have heard from Kateryna about their own plans.

Nominations for Board Members: The following names have been suggested:

TOUCH sponsors:

Cathy Leishman—past delegation member

Patch Leishman—future delegation member, college student

Maureen Larson—OSU research asst., 2012 delegation member

Peggy Giles—2012 delegation member this fall, librarian

Dianne Farrell—fluent in Russian

Becki Goslow— 2012 delegation member, retired teacher

Tammy Skubinna—2012 delegation member, retired head of Benton Co. 4-H

Lynn or Greg Hindman—parents of 2 adoptive Ukrainian children

Glenn Klein—retired

Charlotte Moats-Gallagher—OSU International Dept., worked with CUSCA delegations

Jack Ross—sponsor, retired

Other possibilities:

Ashley Eveleth (sp.??)

A veterinarian ?

The meeting closed at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Trautwein, Secretary

Future Meeting Dates:

May 17, 2012

June 14, 2012

June 21, 2012 (annual meeting)