

Corvallis Uzhhorod Sister City Association Board Annual Retreat Minutes

October 7, 2012

Ken and Carol Trueba's Home

The CUSCA annual board retreat was called to order by President Ken Trueba at 3 p.m.

Board Members Present: Carla Francis, Shelly Hunt, Robert Kokenyesi, Gary Meddaugh, Peggy Peirson, Jack Peterson, Vita Rosoha, Beverly Smith, Sue Trautwein, Ken Trueba, Martin Vartanov, Marc Vomocil.

Board Members Absent: Diane Farrell, Peggy Giles, Lynne Hindman, Els Lofgren, Nandan Rao. **Associates Present:** Alice Rampton, Mark Rampton, Jeanne Raymond.

Ken Trueba showed a slide show reviewing the accomplishments of the past year. These included:

- Increase in awareness of breast cancer in Uzhhorod
- Purchase of new bus and lift for Rehabilitation Center through TOUCH project
- ATU6 shipment of humanitarian aid
- Increase in membership
- Added diversity to C-USCA Board
- Improved outreach and awareness of C-USCA in Corvallis
- Successful flower sale fundraiser
- Successful bogrash dinner event
- Booth at Farmers Market
- Mayoral delegation from Uzhhorod
- Sister Cities International Best Program Award for Cities of 50,000-100,000

Yearly Calendar—The following meeting dates were set: (NOTE: These dates were changed via email discussion. (Corrected dates are in parenthesis).

November 1

December 6 (Dec. 13)

January 3

February 7

March 7 (Mar. 14)

April 4 (Apr. 11)

May 2

June 6 (June 13)

June 20—Annual Meeting

Sister Cities Week—Tentatively May 4-11

Standing Committees—The following committee assignments were made. Committees are open for additional volunteers.

Communications

- Jack Peterson, Newsletter
- Ken Trueba – Publicity
- Victoria Rosoha – Webmistress

Fundraising, Eastern European Dinner

- Chair ?

- Sue Trautwein
- Peggy Peirson
- Martin Vartanov
- Carol Trueba

Fundraising, Flower Baskets

- Bob Stebbins – Chair
- Evan Fieman
- Peggy Peirson
- Kathy Meddaugh
- Martin Vartanov

Historian

- Evelyne Hendrix – Chair

Hospitality

- Els Lofgren
- Bev Smith
- Marc Vomocil

Membership

- Robert Kokenyesi – Chair
- Mark Rampton

Nominations

- Gary Meddaugh – Chair
- Ken Trueba
- Carla Francis

Official Delegation

- Gary Meddaugh – Chair
- Carla Francis
- Els Lofgren
- Robert Kokenyesi
- Marc Vomocil

Community Outreach

- Els Lofgren – Chair
- Jack Peterson

Sister City Week

- Ken Trueba – Chair
- Els Lofgren

TOUCH

- Sabra Killen – Co-Chair
- Alice Rampton – Co-Chair

Youth

- Robert Kokenyesi – Chair

CUSCA Yearly Calendar of Events—Ken Trueba reviewed the projected plans for the year.

August

- New officers take office

September

- TOUCH delegation to Uzhhorod
- Pictures of board to GT

October

- Annual Retreat Oct. 7, 2:30am to 7 pm
- Dog Run Oct. 14
- Reserve banner space over Harrison Blvd. with City of Corvallis for Sister Cities Week
- TOUCH Meetings Oct. 15 & 29, 7 pm

November

- Board meeting November 1
- Discuss Membership Drive
- New Flyer for CUSCA
- Abuse Delegation?
- Fundraising?
- Board members

December

- Board meeting December 6 (Dec. 13 is corrected date)
- Membership Drive
- Gifts for a Better World? Peggy Peirson

January

- Board meeting January 3
- Membership Drive
- Update History calendar on website with timeline of previous year
- Youth Exchange/Economic Development/Tourism

February

- Board meeting February 7
- Nomination Committee Organize
- Discuss Sister Cities Week
- Discuss Flower Basket Sale
- Discuss bogrash dinner

March

- Board meeting March 7 (Mar. 14 is corrected date)
- Discuss Sister Cities Week
- Discuss Flower Basket Sale

April

- Board meeting April 4 (April 11 is corrected date)
- Finalize Sister Cities Week
- Discuss Flower Basket Sale

May

- Board meeting May 2

- Treasurer submits next fiscal year line item budget for discussion and approval; submits to CSCA board
- Notice of Annual Meeting with names and qualifications of new board members to membership
- Incoming President plans Annual Board Retreat
- Nominate and elect new officers
- Sister Cities Week/Bogrash Dinner?

June

- Board meeting prior to Annual Membership Meeting June 6 (June 13 is corrected date)
- Treasurer submits Annual Financial Report and next year's line item budget to be approved by membership
- Annual Meeting - Membership elects new Board of Directors and announce next years' CUSCA officers (June 20?)

July

- Budget year begins

August

- Next Retreat?

Youth Discussion

A discussion followed on what would have to be done in order for us to host another successful youth exchange. It was suggested that we contact some of the students who were involved in our last exchange and that we invite Roy and Ann Hart to attend our January meeting to discuss possibilities.

Brain Storm of Activities

The following list of brainstorming ideas is a combination of ideas suggested at this year's retreat and last year's retreat.

- Research how new projects have evolved in the past.
- Look for projects where we can learn from our Sister City.
- Economic exchange—CSAs, Farmers Markets/green market/organic farming, microbreweries
- Youth Exchange, Tourism, Business
- Divorced Family Issues, Old Mill Center? Ethnic and Cultural Exchange
- Corvallis Art Center
- Breast Cancer Surgeon Exchange, Dr. Kolesnik to OHSU
- What is next with the child abuse and domestic violence project?
- Dental Expenses - (Dr Paul needs feedback for continued funding)
- Bike, run, walk for dogs for Uzhhorod? Public transport?
- Assess needs for Uzhhorod
- Wheel Chairs? Bicycles?
- Partner with Lions Club—health issues.
- Rotary club eye clinics—Eugene
- Teachers to teachers glasses? Seeing eye to eye
- A day in the life of both cities
- Battle of the bands with Ukraine? Music Bands?
- Art Center Cultural experience. Gondar
- Artist exchange between cities Tom Allen and Bill Shumway
- 1 (and maybe 2) people from the board to attend the Statewide Nonprofit Organization Board Training
- Regional Library
- Trafficking Issue

- Bogrash Dinner and Variety Show – Auction/Slide Show

Past Delegations

Alice Rampton distributed a list of delegations that have taken place between Corvallis and Uzhhorod from 1990-2012. The list excluded the twelve TOUCH, six ATU shipment, and multiple AIHA delegations but included both “official” delegations financially supported by CUSCA and other working delegations.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Trautwein, Secretary

NOTE: Lists were adapted from Ken Trueba’s PowerPoint slides