

Corvallis Uzhhorod Sister City Association Board Minutes

December 13, 2012

Korvis Building

The meeting was called to order by President Ken Trueba at 5:35 p.m.

Board Members Present: Peggy Giles, Lynne Hindman, Robert Kokenyesi, Els Lofgren, Gary Meddaugh, Nandan Rao, Vita Rosoha, Jack Peterson, Sue Trautwein, Ken Trueba, Martin Vartanov. **Board Members Absent:** Carla Francis, Shelly Hunt, Peggy Peirson, Beverly Smith, Marc Vomocil. **Associates Present:** Alice Rampton, Mark Rampton, Jeanne Raymond. **Guests:** Kathleen Kraska, Ali McKay, Maya Tarsova.

Agenda was reorganized so that we could hear from our guests. Introductions were made all around. Maya Tarsova, a librarian visiting from Uzhhorod, brought greetings.

Veterinarian Project—Kathleen Kraska and Ali McKay reported that the Paws for a Cause Fun Run earned around \$800. They, along with one of the professors in the OSU Veterinarian program, are planning to travel to Uzhhorod with the TOUCH delegation next fall. The trip would be primarily to survey the situation to see how they can help with the stray animal situation. They are looking for a human health cause as well as the animal control issue—50 percent of the money spent on this project is earmarked for human health. Some suggestions were the tuberculosis clinic, the dental clinic, and the mammography center. Mark Rampton volunteered to contact Paul Kolesnyk in Uzhhorod to find out what health issue would be able to benefit most from a donation of \$700 or so. The Veterinary Club would like to have this information to help in promoting the fundraisers being planned for the week of January 7. They would also like to have a speaker from our group for Monday or Tuesday of that week—Alice Rampton, Els Lofgren, and Peggy Giles volunteered.

Minutes—Jack Peterson moved/ Els Lofgren seconded that the minutes of the November 1 meeting be approved. Motion carried. The new letterhead was reviewed. The new liaison from the City Council has not yet been appointed.

Financial Report—Shelly Hunt was unable to attend but emailed a copy of the financial report to Ken Trueba—Ken will email this to the Board for review.

CUSCA Brochure—Jack Peterson presented a draft of the new brochure for Board approval. If anyone has the graphic file for the colored logo, please email it to Jack. Alice Rampton volunteered to do further work on the “What We Do” section. Discussion followed on quantity to print—perhaps 1,000 copies. Jack will check to see where the best price break is. Kathy Meddaugh has the information from our last printing. The brochures will be printed early next year.

Newsletter—Jack does not yet have enough material for a newsletter so one will not be sent out until after the first of the year. Ken will send pictures and information about the mayoral visit. Other items that will be included are the Veterinary Club project and membership renewal.

Sister Cities Week—Sister Cities Week is scheduled for May 4-11, 2013. Discussion followed on how we can maximize the value of bringing a band here and on how this fits into our mission; Vita Rosoha has

emailed links to two potential bands that we might invite—check your email. From there, the discussion turned toward other possible delegations and fundraiser ideas for Sister Cities Week. Lynne Hindman suggested that we think of bringing a Ukrainian folk group from Woodburn or Eugene to perform in the Quad at OSU spring term. Maya suggested that we think of bringing some of the active volunteers in Uzhhorod over as a delegation with the goal of learning about volunteerism in Corvallis.

A “Sister Cities Week Cultural Exchange Fundraiser” committee was formed—Robert Kokenyesi, Lynne Hindman, Nandan Rao, Martin Vartanov, Alice Rampton, and Els Lofgren.

TOUCH—Alice Rampton brought some of the folded dolls made by children at the orphanage. These sell for \$15. She and Sabra Killen will work to finalize the dates for next year’s delegation to Uzhhorod. City Days in Uzhhorod will be September 27 and 28—the delegation will most likely leave Corvallis a week before City Days.

Other—Appreciation was expressed to Jeanne Raymond for her excellent service as our liaison from the City Council. Jeanne’s term on City Council is over as of December 31.

Adjournment—The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m. Our next meeting will be January 3 at 5:30 at the Korvis Building.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Trautwein, Secretary

Future Meeting Dates:

- January 3
- February 7
- March 14
- April 11
- May 2
- June 13
- June 20—Annual Meeting
- Sister Cities Week—Tentatively May 4-11
- Footwise Display—April 30-May 13