

Corvallis Uzhhorod Sister City Association Board Minutes

January 3, 2013

Korvis Building

The meeting was called to order by President Ken Trueba at 5:40 p.m.

Board Members Present: Carla Francis, Lynne Hindman, Shelly Hunt, Els Lofgren, Gary Meddaugh, Peggy Peirson, Nandan Rao, Sue Trautwein, Ken Trueba. **Board Members Absent:** Peggy Giles, Robert Kokenyesi, Jack Peterson, Vita Rosoha, Beverly Smith, Martin Vartanov, Marc Vomocil. **Associates Present:** None.

Minutes—Carla Francis moved/Lynne Hindman seconded that the minutes be approved with the following spelling corrections—Paul Kolesnyk and Lynne Hindman (Lynne spelled with an e).

Financial Report—Shelly Hunt presented the financial report. Our total current assets are \$57,864.82--\$31,121.51 for TOUCH and \$26,743.31 for CUSCA. There have been a large number of membership renewals and new members resulting from the added line for membership on the TOUCH renewal form. Ken Trueba will check with Robert Kokenyesi to see if new members have been acknowledged by letter or email. Carla Francis moved/Nandan Rao seconded that the financial report be approved.

Yearly Planning—The “Sister Cities Week Cultural Exchange Fundraiser” committee has not yet met. We will discuss this at our next meeting. Committee members are Robert Kokenyesi, Lynne Hindman, Nandan Rao, Martin Vartanov, Alice Rampton, and Els Lofgren. Others are welcome.

Veterinarian Student Fundraiser—The “One Health, One World” fundraiser being held January 7-11 by the OSU Veterinarian Student Club will be raising money for animal welfare and the tuberculosis epidemic in Uzhhorod. Alice Rampton and Peggy Giles will be guest speakers at this event. Anyone wishing to make a contribution to this cause should send checks made out to OSU IVSA, c/o Sam Joyce 2015 Magruder Hall, 700 SW 30th, Corvallis, OR 97330. Discussion followed on how the students could make best use of the funds raised for the tuberculosis problem—it was suggested that, since funding would be limited, the focus be on TOUCH children who have TB. Carla Francis suggested that the OSU students contact Rotary for a possible collaboration.

Application for Project Support—Discussion followed on whether or not it is appropriate for our Board to ask members to contribute to fundraisers that are not directly under our jurisdiction—the feeling was that we must be judicious about using our emailing list as we have a responsibility to protect our members from unwanted solicitations. Peggy Peirson reminded board members that we have a form available that was developed for anyone who wishes to request funding or support from CUSCA. It was suggested that this form be published on our Web site and that people or groups making requests in the future be directed to complete the form so that the Board has more information available when considering applications. Since the Veterinary Student Association has not asked for funds from CUSCA, it was felt that we should not ask them to complete the form at this point.

The question of Board indemnity was raised—Ken Trueba agreed to check with CSCA and with SCI.

Brochure—Alice Rampton sent suggestions by email for rewriting the “What We Do” section. This will be on the agenda for next month. Peggy Peirson suggested that a copy of the new brochure be sent to new members.

Bogrash Dinner—Discussion followed on Nandan Rao’s email suggestion that we consider hosting quarterly bogrash dinners at a local venue such as the Old World Deli. The primary purpose would be to provide a regular social event where we can engage our members in an ongoing relationship. This would be a low key and easily arranged opportunity for us to get together more often with our members and share dinner and news from Uzhhorod as well as exposing them to Ukrainian culture. Attendance might be small but might grow. Though the Board, in general, was open to trying this out at least once, no action was taken. The Depot on Washington Street was suggested as a possible venue for a bogrash dinner during Sister Cities Week.

Sister Cities Association News—Gondar will be hosting an Ethiopian dinner from 5-8 p.m. at the First Congregational Church on January 27. Tickets are available at Grass Roots for \$22. Sister Cities Week is scheduled for May 4-11, 2013.

Other—Suggestions for next month’s agenda are
Finalizing brochure
Bogrash dinner
Sister Cities Week Committee report

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

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Trautwein, Secretary

NOTE—EMAIL MOTION:

Els Lofgren moved/Bev Smith seconded that we support Shelly Hunt and Peggy Peirson to attend the Nonprofit Organizations’ board training and register on line and receive reimbursement through C-USCA. Motion carried. (Online registration is \$110 per person).

Future Meeting Dates:

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