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SANTA FE SISTER CITIES COMMITTEE

Wednesday, April 20, 2011

City Councilors' Conference Room

200 Lincoln Avenue

4:00 p.m.

955-6707

- I. Call to Order
 - A. Roll Call
- II. Approval of Agenda
- III. Approval of Minutes
 - a. March 16, 2011
- IV. Financial Reports
 - a. Julie Bystrom, City of Santa Fe Liaison
 - b. Rudy Fernandez, Sister Cities Association Treasurer
- V. Report of Chair
 - a. Status of Sister Cities Schools – Spain Exchange
 - b. Retreat – Proposed date and Agenda
- VI. Committees Reports
- VII. Other Business
- VI. Adjournment

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Review and Approval of the Minutes: a. March 16, 2011	<i>Mr. Romero moved the minutes of March 16, 2011, second by Mr. Fernandez, motion carried by unanimous voice vote.</i>	1
Approval of the Agenda Request to amend agenda under Other Business to discuss the statewide Sister Cities meeting scheduled for April 30th.	<i>Motion made by Mr. Fernandez to approve the agenda as amended, second by Mr. Olivas, motion carried by unanimous voice vote.</i>	2
Financial Report	Ms. Bystrom provided a report and balance remains steady. Mr. Fernandez provided a financial report on the association, balance remains steady.	2
Report of Chair Spain Trip – St. Michael's High School and El Instituto de Secundaria Hispanidad relationship. Retreat Community Days Sister Cities International Grant Opportunity Statewide Sister City Event	Informational Proposed date of Retreat: May 16, 2011 Informational: committee coordination for participation on May 14, 2011 Young Artist Showcase – forwarded on to the schools. Renewing the US, Asia & Japan Sister City Network. Mr. Olivas and Ms. Lopez to work on this grant application. Informational: April 29 th , Albuquerque NM	2-4
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Cuba Parral China Italy Request for interview from Mayor Coss for Japan completed. Request for sister city relationship with Santa Fe Argentina. Staff and Chair follow up.		
Other Business	None	5
Signature Page and Adjournment	There being no further business to come before the Sister Cities Committee, the meeting adjourned at 5:15 pm	6

Santa Fe Sister Cities Committee
Wednesday, April 20, 2011
MINUTES

- I. **The Santa Fe Sister Cities Committee meeting was called to order at approximately 4:00 pm by Acting Chair in the City Councilors Conference Room, Santa Fe, New Mexico.**

Roll Call: Roll call indicated the presence of a quorum.

Members Present:

Bernard Rubenstein
Arthur Olivas
Daniel R. Anthony, Acting Chair
Rudy Fernandez
Gilbert Romero
Carol Robertson Lopez
Ling Tong, Alternate

Members Absent:

Gilbert L. Delgado, Chair – Excused (Spain)
Roque Garcia, Excused
Sharon Maloof, Excused (Spain)

Others Present

Frances Lucero, Stenographer

Staff Present

Julie Bystrom

- II. **Approval of Agenda**

Request to amend agenda under Other Business to discuss the statewide Sister Cities meeting scheduled for April 30th.

Motion made by Mr. Fernandez to approve the agenda as amended, second by Mr. Olivas, motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

- III. **Approval of Minutes**

March 16, 2011

Mr. Romero moved the minutes of March 16, 2011, second by Mr. Fernandez, motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

IV. Financial Report

a. Julie Bystrom, City of Santa Fe Liaison

Ms. Bystrom reported that the balance remains the same. One of the things that Julie has been working on with Chairman Delgado is to set aside an amended contract. There is a contract in place that allows the association to work with the city. Right now there is a contract but nothing is in place for the events that the Committee is proposing. This will be referred to as Amendment 3 and it will amend us in to 2012. The events need to be identified and amend the contract and then propose to the community. At that point Ms. Bystrom said they she will encumber money for the committee to use for those events.

Mr. Fernandez reported no change in financial status, ending balance \$5,729.24.

V. Report of the Chair

- a. Mr. Anthony reported that Chairman Delgado and Committee Member Maloof and Committee Member Carol Robertson have just returned from Spain where they signed an agreement between St. Michael's High School and El Instituto de Secundaria Hispanidad de Santa Fe de la Vega de Granada.

Ms. Lopez reported that Marcy Sullivan from St. Michael's High School was fabulous. Before she left she did not really know how this relationship between these two schools would really work out and by the end of it she was completely sold and speaking some Spanish. Ms. Lopez stated that they are looking at this fall to have a short visit from some teachers as well as maybe some students and Administrator. The plan would be for them to come here for 4 or 5 days, include home stays and see what it would really be like to come to St. Michael's for a semester to get an exchange program. It exceeded all expectations. When they got to the school they had the auditorium filled with the students. There was one woman dancing Flamenco who was just outstanding. Sharon Maloof was there with her nephew, Michael Aranda who is studying in Switzerland and is a graduate of St. Mike's and he was totally moved by this experience. He said being there meant more to him being a St. Michael's graduate than his own graduation. It was a proud moment for him. They also had Eric Serna's son, Carlo Serna who is studying in Madrid. He is also a graduate of St. Mike's. Ms. Lopez husband is the Chair of the Education Committee of CIR and was able to get funding from Collective Works and asked them to pick books for him to take to a high school in Spain. The books selected were phenomenal including the 400th Anniversary Pueblo Indians. The Santa Fe delegation were so honored by the Instituto in Spain as they took dedicated a room to St. Michael's High School and had a plaque outside the room. The room was beautiful and the students had painted a mural on one wall of the City of Santa Fe. It was an adobe building and it looked exactly like Santa Fe. There was also a ceremony with the Mayor and he signed the two plaques and took the Santa Fe group into his private office and he showed them all of his Santa Fe memorabilia. Ms. Lopez continued to provide details of the events that took place in Spain. The next morning they had a celebration called Capitulaciones and the Santa Fe, NM guests had special recognition. The groups were taken on bus tour to see the sites by night. Words could not express the cordial and warm

hospitality they received on this trip. Follow up and future discussion with St. Mike's will continue.

VI. Retreat – Proposed date and agenda.

Ms. Bystrom asked the committee to consider Monday, May 16, 2011 from 1-4 pm for the retreat. Ms. Bystrom asked that the committee members to e-mail proposed agenda items for the retreat and comment on the length of the agenda and the content that was presented in the draft at this meeting.

Ms. Bystrom said that committee members are still encouraged to take an active role at the retreat. Ms. Tong said that she will not be able to attend the retreat. Ms. Bystrom will take a tally and advise who will be in attendance.

VII. Community Days

The event will be on Saturday, May 14th. Ms. Bystrom posed the question; does the Committee want Sister Cities to be represented at Community Days and if so how many people would be available to man the table. Ms. Bystrom will send an e-mail to those who indicated they would help again. Mr. Fernandez did let the committee members know that there is no cover for the table. Ms. Bystrom asked if the committee would like to have a give-away. Mr. Romero said it would be nice to have brochures from the other sister cities as well as our own. It was suggested that the committee members wear their t-shirts; Mr. Fernandez said he has several at home. Mr. Fernandez said another thing that he has from Sister Cities is a box of things that were put together for the 400th Anniversary, they are in folders and can be used to pass out. Ms. Lopez said that a list of all the committee members and the countries they represent should also be displayed. In the even people are interested they would have the committee member's names and e-mail addresses to contact them. It was noted that Julie has over 75 names of those who have shown interest at various events.

VIII. Sister Cities International

Mr. Anthony stated that Sister Cities International has a young artist showcase and there was a time that this committee would have judged some entries. Julie did send out to all the schools the young author showcase for people to enter themselves without the Sister City intervention as we felt we did not have enough time to dedicate to this project.

IX. Grant Opportunity

Julie sent around an e-mail on behalf of Carol regarding a grant called, Renewing the US, Asia & Japan Sister City Network. Arthur Olivas actually has a project that he would like to do as an exchange project and he will try to write this grant. The deadline is June 15th. Ms. Lopez offered to help get this grant completed. Mr. Anthony said that in addition to this new relationship with St. Michael's High School they have had the relationship with Monte Sol School for about 12 years but it has never been officially registered or documented as they just did in Spain. If Arthur succeeds in getting this grant then perhaps that would be a time to do an official signing ceremony with our school in Japan and in Santa Fe.

X. Statewide Sister City Event

Ms. Lopez provided information on this event that will take place in Albuquerque on April 29th with a reception of all sister cities at Richard Bucklers house. Albuquerque Sister Cities will pay for the reception at his house. The next day starting with coffee and Registration is \$10. Ms. Lopez asked if Sister Cities Committee would be willing to pay for the coffee and pastry in the morning, possibly \$50. Her request was for this expenditure to come from the association funds. Ms. Lopez will pay and get reimbursed from the association. Ms. Lopez will send everyone an e-mail with the address and the directions for the reception and the meeting. Note that reception is Friday night and the conference is on Saturday.

XI. Committee Reports

a. Bukhara

Ms. Lopez stated that she would be going to Bukhara and will be taking proclamations from the Mayor in Santa Fe and she would like to take a piece of Nambe ware. She would like to get reimbursed for this commemoration platter. The platter would be presented to the Mayor of Bukhara on behalf of the Mayor of Santa Fe. She will be leaving the 22nd of May. The committee was in agreement to proceed with this purchase and to let the committee of the cost. This endeavor can be coordinated through the Chair or Mr. Fernandez.

b. Report from Mr. Olivas – Japan

A lot has been going on in Japan and fortunately it has not had an impact on Tsuyama. We haven't heard much from Tsuyama but mainly since they haven't heard much from us. Mr. Olivas will let them know that he will be working on this grant and get their input. If they are interested we will need to get a letter from their Mayor. Ms. Lopez said all of the involvement with Japan will help us get the grant. Ms. Lopez said that Mr. Olivas might want a letter from our Mayor to their Mayor to let them know we are applying for the grant. Any coordination for a letter will go through Ms. Bystrom as staff liaison.

c. Cuba

Mr. Rubenstein received a nice letter from Cuba; there was a very successful and nice joint concert with the Santiago Orchestra in Holguin conducted by one of Bernie's students. The Cuba sister cities group is working on their annual meeting sometime towards the end of June. This may be combined with the Cuban photography show with the Santa Fe Photo workshops. They are also working on the possibility of showing of a film by Saul from Huffington Post, he is an important journalist. Working on the Cuban Caravan and Julie is helping with that.

d. Parral

Mr. Fernandez has been invited to the fiesta in July. They comp the rooms to the Santa Fe delegation which is 5 rooms. Rudy is working on the transportation options. If Santa Fe delegation flies they would fly to Chihuahua and that would be an individual cost. Their fiesta celebration lasts about 2 weeks.

Mr. Fernandez received a call from one of the officials who is working for the Governor in Chihuahua and she is working with the schools I Parral. They want to establish a relationship with the schools in Santa Fe. Mr. Fernandez asked her to send him an e-mail once she has more details.

e. China Report

Ling Tong stated that she has had a meeting with the teachers at Santa Fe High School and got no response. She followed up with Bobbie Gutierrez, Superintendent of Schools. Ms. Gutierrez said that she would organize a meeting with Santa Fe High for early March and to date she has not responded. Ms. Tong sent another e-mail but received no response. At this time she has no update to provide the school in China. Ms. Lopez said that she will ask her husband who has representatives at Santa Fe High to help with this endeavor. Mr. Anthony said that we may need to look at another high school. Ms. Lopez asked to give Jeff an opportunity to check in to this before we talk to Capital High School.

f. Italy

Mr. Anthony reported that he has a man on the ground in Sorrento. Drew has rented an apartment there for one month. Mr. Anthony has given him an assignment to find some dates the last week in September or first week in October where we can have lunch with the Mayor. Mr. Anthony has reserved a block of flights for the last Tuesday in September and then 2 weeks later, Tuesday in October. Also he is also notifying the school so they can have a representative because Monte del Sol used to teach Italian and St. Mike's use to teach Italian. He would like to find a school in Sorrento to establish an exchange program as discussed earlier.

Mr. Gilbert Romero has not been assigned a committee at this time.

Ms. Lopez stated that any time the committee needs a letter from Mayor Coss all that is needed is to draft the letter and take it to Marge; the Mayor is more than willing to do these types of letters.

Ms. Bystrom reported that she has received an e-mail from a journalist in Japan who wants to do an interview with Mayor regarding our sister city relationship and our sustainability and its tourism and economic balance. That 1 or 2 minute interview has been set up and completed. The second e-mail was from Santa Fe Argentina from a gentleman who said that they are interested in having a sister city relationship with Santa Fe. This request was forwarded to the Chair and he composed a letter and forwarded on from the committee. Julie sent the gentleman our sister city packet and guidelines.

XII. Other Business: None

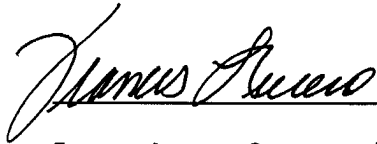
XIII. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Santa Fe Sister Cities Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 5:15 pm.

Santa Fe Sister Cities Committee

Signature Sheet:

Mr. Daniel Anthony, Acting Chair

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Frances Lucero", written over a horizontal line.

Frances Lucero, Stenographer