City of Santa Fe

Agenda

SISTER CITIES COMMITTEE

Wednesday, June 12, 2019
Administrative Conference Room, TOURISM Santa Fe
201 West Marcy Street
505-955-6707
4:00 to 5:00 PM

Goals of the Sister Cities Committee:

More effectively market Sister Cities and what they do
Develop educational programs in schools
Strengthen relationships with existing Sister Cities
Involve greater community in work and activities of Sister Cities
Re-enforce and build existing relationships through trade and tourism efforts

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3. Approval of Agenda
4. Approval of Minutes
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7. Reports & Updates
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   b) Holguin, Cuba
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   d) Livingstone, Zambia
   e) Parral, Mexico
   f) San Miguel de Allende, Mexico
   g) Santa Fe de la Vega, Spain
   h) Sorrento, Italy
   i) Tsuyama, Japan
   j) Zhangjiajie, China
   k) Education Committee Jeff Case, Sky Stiha
8. Report of Staff
9. Adjourn

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MINUTES
MAY 8, 2019
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GOALS TO THE SISTER CITIES COMMITTEE
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1. Call to Order
   Chair, Carol Robertson Lopez called the Sister Cities Meeting to order at 4:00 pm, Administrative Conference Room, 201 West Marcy Street, Santa Fe, NM, a quorum is declared in roll call.

   ROLL CALL: Present
   Carol Robertson Lopez, Chair
   Sky Stith
   Dr. Jeff Case
   Arthur Olivas
   Carl Moore

   Not Present, Excused
   Rudy Fernandez
   Rhonda Faught
   Bernard Rubenstein
   Carlene Carey
   Clara Padilla Andrews

   Others Present:
   Randy Randall, Acting Director
   Anna Serrano for Fran Lucero, Stenographer

2. Approval of Agenda

   Mr. Moore moved to approve the agenda as presented, second by Mr. Olivas, motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

3. Approval of Minutes, February 13, 2019

   Mr. Olivas moved to approve the minutes of February 13, 2019, second by Dr. Case, motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

The Chair reported that the Mayor of Icheon is coming to Santa Fe the weekend of the folk art market. We advised him that Icheon, Korea Ceramic Artist, very famous, had not been accepted for the market. We met with them and discussed the specifics and explained how they would be accepted in the future. They are very committed to be accepted next year. One may even come this year to experience the Folk Art Market. Mr. Randall wanted to know if the Chair had reached out to Stuart Ashman. The Chair will provide the information to Mr. Randall for his discussion. Mr. Randall would like to see them here since their Mayor will be here. Specifics and reasons for pursuing their attendance will be done away from the Sister Cities Committee recommendation or involvement.

Dr. Case asked that in the past during Folk Art Market there has been Art Santa Fe at the Convention Center during the same time. Mr. Randall said this year it will be the following week. He also said that Art Week is July 12-21, 2019. The mission of art week are to give people a reason to spend more time in Santa Fe and stay over. We have over 65 small event during that time at Galleries or Museum throughout Santa Fe. The big thing we were able to accomplish is there will be an Art & Wine stroll on Canyon Road for a two hour period – Gallery's will furnish some food and wine at no charge. City Council will give the final approval tonight to do that.

Also, the Mayor of Bukhara is coming from Uzbekistan. Details are not available at this time but there are a number of artists who are coming from Uzbekistan.

Mr. Moore said the last few years we have talked about the places that are sister cities, having some type of designation that they are a sister city. The Chair has a meeting at IFAM and this will be discussed.

Mr. Randall said he could also discuss this with Stuart Ashman.

4. Report of Chair and Introduction of Michele Bahar Reich, Youth Services Librarian, La Farge Branch

(Exhibit A). The Santa Fe Public Library would like to develop a program with the Biblioteca Publica in San Miguel. It would be a Pen Pal program between youth in Santa Fe and San Miguel with a focus on shared reading interests and reading experiences. Michelle is a big fan of writing because writing is one of the highest thinking skills. In addition to sharing their reading they would also be developing their writing skills. She will be in San Miguel for a month in the fall. This project is near and dear to my heart, my mother moved to San Miguel in 1971, she was an artist and is also an avid reader and worked to enlarge and find Sustainable support for the Biblioteca in San Miguel. As I say in the proposal, when I am down there I volunteer and do cataloging. I don't know how projects works in Sister Cities and I was hoping there would be liaisons between San Miguel and this committee and if she could begin to work with them when she is there in the fall. When she comes back, and she said that in October the Governor and

Legislature passed a bill or a proclamation declaring "Rudolfo Anaya I Love Reading Day". Santa Fe Public Library is working with that summer reading program.

The Chair stated that the Sister Cities liaison is Sky Stith and she has been taking sign language; she is going to connect the Santa Fe School for the Deaf with the School for the Deaf in San Miguel, so this project really lends itself. Our other liaison is Randy Randall who has worked with HIPICO, last year we had our first HIPICO equestrian challenge between San Miguel and Santa Fe.

Mr. Randall said there is not much interest from HIPICO this year. Mr. Randall said that a pen pal relationship between San Miguel and Santa Fe is really exciting to the extent, a Spanish speaking student only needs a student in Santa Fe who has Spanish as a second language or English as a second language would be exciting. A student learning English in San Miguel would probably like to have communications in English. Mr. Randall said maybe do a kick off with a pen pal relationship between Mayors. Our former Mayor visited San Miguel de Allende with Mr. Randall and we could ask Mayor Webber and the new Mayor of San Miguel if they would entertain this idea.

The Chair said that this pen pal relationship could build in to a project that Dr. Case has done which is our Journal or he could give a topic and have our sister cities kids write about it and publish this journal. When we first established the relationship with the Mayor of San Miguel he visited Santa Fe Community College and was hoping to provide an opportunity for students from San Miguel to come to our community college to do exchanges and to study in some areas that we excel in at the community college. The idea was that a student with minimal skills would do better in Santa Fe where there are Spanish speaking people you can connect with and not be completely isolated and be very successful plus there are so many similarities between our communities. The Chair asked Ms. Reich what she would like from us, we cannot vote on this today. Ms. Reich asked if there are people in San Miguel who the committee works with. Ms. Stith said that she will meet with Ms. Reich to see how they could nourish this project and also consider the IB schools that are bilingual.

Dr. Case said there are quite a few schools in Santa Fe that would be good for this project. The Academy for Technology might be another good school for this program. He would like to share his journal with Michelle away from the meeting. It was recommended that using a different title like electronic exchanges would be better than pen pal. We don't have money to do physical exchanges but digital/electronic/video exchanges would be good. Q: Are you looking for Spanish speakers in San Miguel to speak to Spanish speakers in Santa Fe or English speakers in San Miguel to speak to talk ours here. Ms. Reich said we could make matches for each participants growth. Dr. Case said what he tried to do with one of the French schools was to do a video of one of the kids' reading Shakespeare or a kid reading Jokes in French. It could be creative telling jokes in Spanish, there are elements that can be discussed further.

Mr. Moore said he would like part of the encouragement be 1st language to 2nd language. The owner of Inn on the Alameda moved back from San Miguel and his daughter is going to Santa Fe Prep. We could reach out to him to see if he would support a project like this. The Chair asked Ms. Reich to attend the next meeting for a further update.

Michelle thanked everyone for their time and recommendations.

5. Action Items
   a) Report of funds for table at Santa Fe JIN
   The Chair said it was too late to request funds.

   Mr. Olivas reported that this is the annual Matsuri and theme is Folk Tales. There will be a group with make your own tea in the morning. 8 people will pair off – 1 demonstrating, 1 making the tea, not sure who the special guest is. The Counsel General will be coming from Denver. It was noted that all foreign diplomats love coming to Santa Fe.

   Dr. Case said that Santa Fe Sister Cities does have a table at Santa Fe JIN. Casey is giving them a table at no charge. At table: YAAS photograph enlarged. Savannah Palmer did a great job on this. One will be given to Sherry Osgood to assist in her fund raising activities. One will be kept for Sister Cities. There will be 2 posters at the table and she would like students to share their experiences in Tsuyama. Neil will be there as well. It opens at 9:00 am and the Chair can be there for part of the day.

   Mr. Olivas stated that the former President of JIN (Satori Murata) has asked to be a part of sister cities group. She has been invited to attend the next meeting. She is the coordinator for the 20th Anniversary and is in contact with City Hall to see what they would like to do. She would like to be the liaison for this event. The Chair said she did e-mail her back and sent the city logo to her.

   Saturday – 9:30 am – 5:00 pm – Santa Fe JIN

6. Reports and Updates
   a) Bukhara, Uzbekistan
   Covered above.

   b) Holguin, Cuba – No Update

   c) Icheon, South Korea, Visit July 2019
   Dr. Case is working on an exciting program to send some youth musicians from Santa Fe there. City of Icheon is making a big move to put on a great concert and

they have invited 10 of their Sister Cities and Santa Fe is one of them. We have 2 music educators, one is Lee Harvey from the Waldorf School and Carla (last name) from Mandela School. Carla is in the Symphony organization, she has a long list of achievements. Dr. Case spoke before a large group of students at Mandela and the parents, he also wrote a 2 page outline for them. The more this is shaping up this is a high quality musical and cultural experience. We have one funding source which is Dollars for Schools which is a sub-group of the Community Foundation and it is a 501(c)3 organization, donations are tax deductible, the balance in the account is $1,700 . There is also a fund raiser at the Waldorf School as this is a private school. Dollars for Schools has to work with public schools. The Chair and Dr. Case met with the staff in Icheon that are putting this on and questions were asked. It is very solid on their part. Santa Fe delegation will leave July 28th, practice on the 30th and the actual concert at Icheon Art Hall – August 2nd and they return on the 4th.

Mr. Randall asked what is the cost ($1700 per person)?

Dr. Case said that the Icheon city hall is covering the in country costs. Air fare is about $1700 per person. Dr. Case will send a picture of students to the committee who performed at the Railyard. Dr. Case said they are $16,000 short and parents will need to pay part of the cost. The interest was so strong they had auditions and they had to make a commitment that they would be receptive to students from other cultures.

(Mr. Randall left meeting to attend City Council Meeting)

d) Livingstone, Zambia
e) Parral, Mexico
f) San Miguel de Allende, Mexico
   Reported above
g) Santa Fe de la Vega
h) Sorrento, Italy
i) Tsuyama, Japan
   Mr. Moore asked if they would have a one-pager for table at Matsuri on Saturday.

j) Zhangjiajie, China
k) Education Committee, Dr. Case and Sky Stith
   Dr. Case provided his report, (Exhibit A).
   - Received an e-mail from Adam Masamoto in California about student trips to Mexico. Rudy Fernandez responded.
   - Out student music exchange to Icheon, South Korea. (reported above)
   - We received from Mary Frietas another inquiry from Chengdu, China about a student music exchange. Their schedule conflicts with Icheon and Chengdu is not our Sister City.

- Sister Cities an Monte del Sol will have a table at the JIN Matsuri, Santa Fe Convention Center, this coming Saturday celebrating student exchanges with Tsuyama. Dr. Case will be there with the students, Shari Osgood and Neil will be there as well. The President of JIN, Casey, is very excited about Sister City participation. There is an upcoming student Exchange with Tsuyama this summer.

Sky reported that there would be a youth conference in July. African forum update.

7. Report of Staff
   Councilor Ives will not be running for re-election.
   It was noted that they are short two flags from what they ordered.

8. Adjourn
   There being no further business to come before the Sister Cities Committee the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm.

Signature Page:

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Carol Robertson Lopez, Chair

Fran Lucero
Fran Lucero, Stenographer