

LAS CRUCES SISTER CITIES FOUNDATION BOARD

MINUTES FOR October 26, 2015

PRESENT: Charlene Brock, Elizabeth Calvert, Tim Chappell, Hale Huber, Etta Kaufman, Noreen Lehmann, Werner Lehmann, Cathy Waters, Lisa Valleroy-Djang

GUESTS: Ingrid Luchini and Lisa Valleroy-Djang, new member who can help with social media and website.

ABSENT: Robert Caldwell, Debbie Hixon, Annie DeFausell, Sharon White

The meeting was called to order by President Noreen.

Secretary's Report: A motion made by Hale and seconded by Werner passed to approve the corrected minutes of July 15, 2015 Board meeting.

Treasurer's report: Cathy reported that the balance in the Foundation is \$10,597.34.

Old Business:

Current storage unit. Hale, Werner, Charlene, and Ingrid went thru many of the items currently in storage and was able to eliminate a lot of excess. More needs to be done. A sub-committee of Tim, Werner, Ingrid, and Hale will go thru the remaining.

A meeting for discussion and voting on the revisions to the Standing Rules, By-Laws, and Procedures will be held on Nov. 11.

Tim said 21 students from Lerdo will be here on October 28. A reception at DACC will be held at 6:30. They will visit Centennial High School, NMSU, Phoenix, and Tucson while in the U.S. and also will be recognized at City Hall. Hale said our contact, Jose Frias, will be accompanying the students. Hopefully, our newly elected mayor will go to Lerdo in the near future.

The expected volleyball exchange with Nienburg will not happen, Werner announced. However, 16 students from Albert Schweiser school will be coming over in the spring of 2016. Ingrid gave a brief overview of the Oktoberfest at the Maze. Overall, it was quite good. Anna Lyles, of the Maze, will present a check of the proceeds to the students at Arrowhead Park ECHS.

Publicity chair, Debbie Hixon, was absent but emailed her report. An article was submitted to the Sonoma Life publication included general information pertaining to Sister Cities and specifics on five members who live there. So far it hasn't been published. The magazine is distributed to people living in the Somona Ranch area.

The Nominating Committee consisting of Werner, Elizabeth, and Hale reported they have no slate for 2016 at this time but will continue working on it. Discussion was held as to how to get members interested.

Noreen talked with Robert Caldwell, our city liaison. He indicated he does not have to attend our meetings but is available for any information.

New Business:

The Annual Meeting will be held either Jan. 17 or 24 depending on which date Hale can reserve with the

Home Builders Assn. Noreen will work with Rob and do a new agreement for the City to pay the fee.

New Budget: Noreen requested this calendar year's expenses from Cathy. Will create new budget from those and projected expenses for 2016. Finance Committee will consist of Hale, Cathy, Werner, and Noreen.

Noreen asked for suggestions for speaker at the Annual Meeting. Our exchange student, Keen Leon, was mentioned

Hale mentioned that he is working with the group on next year's International Festival.

Noreen said the Audit Committee will consist of Susan Ansara, Lisa Willman, and Cathy Waters.

Next Meeting - November 11, 2015; 7:00 p.m., at Noreen's home.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Charlene Brock, Secretary