

SISTER CITY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 1, 2011

The meeting was called to order by Phil McLaughlin, co-chair.

Members present were Cindy Clay, Marilyn Hoback, Carolyn Basford, Mary Pizza, Kristina Wassmann, and Sandy Baver. Excused were: Suzy Walk, Suzie Holloway, Louise Gaertner, Bob Vines, who is attending the Sister City International Conference in Washington, D. C.

Minutes: Corrections were made to the minutes of the February 15 meeting and a motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes as corrected.

Finance Report: Phil reported that the Sister City International membership fee of \$360.00 has been paid by the City of Centerville from our budget. \$455.00 was put on Phil's credit card to hold tickets for the Dayton Dragons Game on April 19, 2011 for the German Gappies students.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

German Students' Visit: Kristina reported on the schedule of events for the visit from the German students from Bad Zwischenahn. There will be 14 students, (10 girls and 4 boys) and 2 chaperones. Kristina, as the coordinating teacher, has worked out the host family arrangements for the students.

The students will arrive on **Sunday, April 10, 2011** at 1:56 PM at the Dayton International Airport, where they will be greeted by their host families.

On Monday, April 11, at 6:30PM, the Sister City Committee will host the Welcome Dinner for the students and host families at the Deer Run Clubhouse. The menu agreed upon was Lasagna, Macaroni and Cheese, Salad, Texas Toast, and soft drinks with dessert provided by the host families. Cindy Clay will send invitations to the host families. Entertainment will be provided by a choral group from the high school, if they are available. Carolyn will need \$50.00 for rental of the Clubhouse.

On Monday, April 18, the students will be honored at the Centerville City Council meeting at 8:00PM.

On Tuesday, April 19, the students will be going to the Dayton Dragons Baseball game. Phil has reserved 35 tickets, at \$13 each, along the third base side in Section 16, Rows 5, 6 and 7. The admission price also includes a baseball cap and a \$5.00 gift certificate for each student, host student, chaperones, and Kristina. The students will be recognized with a welcome message on the scoreboard.

On Wednesday, April 20, the two chaperones, Berndt and Stephanie, and Kristina and her husband, will be taken to dinner at Carvers as a token of our appreciation for their work on behalf of the Gappies student exchange.

On Thursday, April 21, at 6:30PM, the Sister City Committee will host the Farewell Dinner at Yankee Trace. Each family will be provided with 4 meals, which includes the German students, host parents and

host students. Additional family members can be accommodated on a prepaid basis at \$20.00 each. Cindy Clay will send invitations for this dinner to the families as well as Centerville school officials and City Council members, Sister City Committee members, Debbie James and Julie Weaver.

Our Centerville students will travel to Bad Zwischenahn for the exchange visit on June 13, for a 3 week visit. Their welcome home dinner date and place has not yet been determined.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Sister City in Quebec: Action has been tabled for the present time.

Waterloo: Phil contacted the Mayor's office in Waterloo, and received no indication that they wish to resume a sister city relationship with Centerville.

SCI International Convention: Bob Vines is on his way to the annual convention at the present time.

The next meeting will be held on April 5th at 7:00PM at the Centerville Police Department.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Pizza