

Sioux Falls Sister Cities
April 16, 2009

The Sioux Falls Sister Cities Association met for the regular monthly meeting at the Center for Active Generations. President, Ginny Beck, called the meeting to order at 7pm.

Minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed and approved.

Treasurer's Report \$xx,xxx.xx in CD's and \$x,xxx.xx in checking. There was a motion and a second to approve the report as presented.

Claims \$xx.xx to Colleen Schulte for material to construct the German flag for Germanfest, Virtual Office Advantage \$xxx.xx (Feb/Mar) \$xxx.xx (Mar/April)
There was a motion and seconded to approve the claims as submitted.

Todd Runyan gave an update as to the trip to Potsdam this fall to attend the conference on Youth and Violence. He indicated that the Potsdam has received funding from the European Union to host the event. Potsdam needs to know by May 15, 2009, if Todd will be attending. The conference will be held for 4 days. The approximate cost for Todd to attend will be \$xxxx. There was a discussion on whether we can obtain a grant from the Sioux Falls Area Foundation for the trip. Also we could appropriate some of the funds from our budget marked for "Friendship Potsdam". Todd was instructed to inform Potsdam that he would be attending. All the financial details will be worked out at a later date.

A formal invitation was received from Newry and Mourne to become a sister city with Sioux Falls. Dale and Ginny will schedule a meeting with Mayor Munson to discuss the possibility. In the Sister City International guidelines it specifies that the city council of the municipalities involved, need to introduce a resolution to formally agree to a sister city partnership.

Ginny shared an e-mail from Shawn Cleary where he asks if Sister Cities would be interested in contributing as a sponsor to the upcoming Irish Fair. No decision was reached.

Tiffny reported that the membership dues letters have been mailed. She inquired as to removing some of the names of those that have not been heard of for years. Someone suggested that the recent host families of the Potsdam visitors be included to the mailing list for membership. Tiffny will speak with Harold Schmidt to see if that would be agreeable.

Festival of Cultures will be on June 20th in Falls Park. Ginny will send in the application. Refreshments today were from Boss' Pizza. They provided sauerkraut pizza that they would like to serve at Germanfest.

Meeting adjourned at 8pm