

**Sioux Falls Sister Cities Association**  
**June 18, 2009**  
**Center for Active Generations**

The Sioux Falls Sister Cities Association met for the monthly meeting at the Center for Active Generations.

President, Ginny Beck, call the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

The minutes from the May 21, 2009, meeting were read and approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Steve Hauff, Treasurer, reported \$xxxx.xx in checking and \$xx,xxx.xx in CD's for a total of \$xx,xxx.xx. The report was approved.

**Claims:** Ginny Beck, \$xxx.xx for printing, \$xx.xx for beer license, Tiffny Hagan \$xx.xx. This was approved.

**Festival of Cultures:** Set up is from 8:00 to 11:00 am. Items to be displayed in the booth, work in the booth and help with set up and tear down are needed.

**Tour de Kota:** Rick Albrecht had mentioned Tour de Kota and Potsdam may be interested.

**Newry & Mournie:** Paperwork is still at the mayor's office.

**Potsdam:** Todd Runyan has the paperwork submitted for the conference in Potsdam this fall.

**Irish Harp Competition:** Cathy Brechtelsbauer reported that her son, Luke, has won the Irish harp competition at the Mid-Atlantic regional competition and will be in Ireland in August for the All Ireland competition. Congratulations Luke!

**Annual Picnic:** The annual picnic will be July 16, 6:00 - 8:00 pm, Upper Sherman Park. This will take the place of the monthly meeting.

**Los Cabos:** Tom Walsh was the guest speaker. He spoke on behalf of the Los Cabos Children's Foundation. Over the past few years, this foundation has brought sick children, who wouldn't get treatment otherwise, to Sioux Falls to be treated. The foundation has gotten Avera McKennan, Omaha Children's and the Mayo Clinic to partner in the venture. They have also opened a blood bank in Mexico. Tom would like to have Sioux Falls be a sister city to Los Cabos. There would be no financial obligation but equipment and supplies could be shipped to San Diego and taken by the Navy to Mexico and not go through Customs. Because of the difficulty in getting supplies into Mexico, it's hard to treat the children there. Newport Beach, CA is a sister city and would have to give permission, to the Sister Cities International, for this to happen. A motion to explore the possibility was approved.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm