

**Sioux Falls Sister Cities Association
November 19, 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, called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

The minutes from the October 15, 2009, meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report: Steve Hauff, Treasurer, reported (3) CD's that equal \$xx,xxx.xx and \$x,xxx.xx, in checking for a total of \$xx,xxx.xx.

Claims: Tiffny Hagan, Virtual Office Advantage, for \$xx.xx. This was approved. Downtown Sioux Falls membership is due in December.

Great Events Campaign: Sister Cities not chosen as two full days of activities are needed to qualify.

Newry & Mourne: A videoconference, with Newry, is planned to sign the Sister Cities agreement. Maybe during December at the Health Dept. Shawn Cleary gave a presentation with pictures on his trip to Newry. A letter of acceptance was delivered. Newry is an area of 87,000 people in Northern Ireland. The group, from Sioux Falls, also had a brief meeting with County Limerick. They presented at proclamation from Minnehaha County affirming the county to county twinning. This isn't a Sister City relationship.

Potsdam: Todd Runyan talked on his experience at the Youth & Violence Conference in Potsdam. There were approximately 100 people in attendance. Todd gave 2 presentations on different days and did his presentations in German. Most of the people there were social workers followed by city government and school employees. There were only 6 police officers.

There won't be a December meeting as the annual Christmas party will held at Ginny's on December 11.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm