

Phoenix Sister Cities  
Calgary Committee Meeting Minutes  
May 3, 2017  
Armadillo Grill, 1904 E Camelback Rd  
Phoenix, AZ

In attendance: Penny Clarke, Julie Adams, Rick Gerrard, Suzie Austin, John Rice, Heidi Hiester, Bob Albert

1. Meeting called to order at 6:02pm by John Rice.
2. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Suzie Austin and seconded by Bob Albert. Minutes were approved.
3. Nominations of Committee positions:
  - . John volunteered to serve as Committee Chair for another year. Suzie nominated John for the position, this was seconded by Penny and was passed unanimously.
  - a. Suzie nominated Bob for the Vice Chair role. Bob accepted the nomination. Penny seconded the nomination and this was also passed unanimously. The job of the Vice Chair is to cover the job of the Committee Chair, attend meetings, etc. in the event he is not available.
  - b. Suzie nominated Heidi to serve as Secretary for a second year. Heidi accepted the nomination which was seconded by Bob and approved by the committee.
4. Committee Reports: March funds have not been approved yet but the \$352 from the 50/50 raffle was added and \$260.63 are currently available. Nothing has been spent recently. There may be some funds added from the 5K run in April if any of the participants listed the Calgary committee as their group. Suzie estimated that there were about 150 runners/walkers.
5. Youth and Education: Bob had nothing to report.
6. Camp Courage: Heidi reported that there will be 3 campers coming from Calgary this year - Brady, Gabe and Jamie. All are returning campers. Heidi will be able to host all 3 boys. There are also campers coming from Hermosillo this year and we might plan an event for both groups of campers in south Phoenix. Heidi will coordinate with Ana Elena. Typically the boys like to swim and watch movies and would probably be happy with a few pool toys and pizza. In the past they have gone to Sea Life at Arizona Mills, bowling, Rawhide, Comicon, and the arcade.
7. Canada Day: KeatsConnelly event is moving along - it is invite only and then open to the public after the first 2 hours. John has a list of tasks that need to be completed. A flyer needs to be created and marketing started for the open event. One thing to consider is how many people can be accommodated at the Blue Hound. Last year about 50-75 people attended. Rick has interns who would be able to create the flyer. We need assistance getting silent auction items. So far we have two items:
  - Right on Target gift certificate
  - 4 tickets to the MIM

We need committee members to get other items. Each committee member should be able to bring 1-2 items. Possible silent auction items put forward were:

- 2 round trip tickets from Phoenix to Calgary on WestJet airlines
- 2 night stay at the Wigman
- Gift basket
- Foursome from Papago Golf Club

- Laura, from the trip to Himeji, works for George Clooney distributing his tequila - she might be able to donate something.
- 1-2 night stay at the Palomar

A form letter needs to be created to solicit donations. Other items discussed included confirming a 50/50 raffle would be held, a 2 minutes speech in regard to Canada's 150 year anniversary (Bob volunteered to give speech), possible Canadian Coyotes players who live in Phoenix who would want to attend, and checking with Gavin to see if he would be coming from the Consulate in Los Angeles. John to work on pulling information together regarding rsvps and looking into the cost of food for admission prices. Penny will help with advertising.

8. Email List: 3 people who recently signed up to receive emails committed to attending the May meeting, however one needed to cancel and the other two did not show up. One was a real Canadian from Red Deer. We now have a formula in place for future events but need a volunteer coordinator to bring everything together.
9. Sustainability Summit: Chris Collier from Calgary spoke at the event. The turnout wasn't that high - the event was meant for students, faculty and some guests and there was a farewell to the Provost scheduled at the same time which probably affected attendance. There is already talk of holding another Summit next year as well as a visit to U-Haul. Canada is a major market for U-Haul and the head of U-Haul in Alberta has offered to help re set up Sister Cities in Calgary. U-Haul would be the company hub much like KeatsConnolly is in Phoenix.
9. Upcoming events: March will be very busy including the War of the Wines by the Catania and Grenoble Committees on May 6, Chinese Dumplings and Beer by the Chengdu Committee on May 10, Sake Tasting in the Garden by the Himeji Committee and Japanese Friendship Garden of Phoenix and a series of Czech films at the FilmBar throughout April and May. It would be good to support the other Committees' functions so that they, in turn, will support the Calgary Committee functions. The Year End reception is the last Monday in June - June 26.
10. The Mayor's Gala on April 27 went very well. Rick reported that the event is estimated to have made an excess of \$80,000.
11. The next meeting will be June 7, 2017
12. The meeting was adjourned at 6:59pm