

Phoenix Sister Cities Calgary Committee meeting October 5, 2016

Attendees: John Rice, Bob Albert, Penny Clarke, Sally Taylor, Suzie Austin, Heidi Hiester, Rick Gerrard, Allan Yang, Alisyn H

5:59pm – Meeting called to order

Chair remarks: the Veterans day breakfast is being postponed due to not having enough people involved. Penny suggested asking Brenda if it's possible to have a 50/50 raffle at the Thanksgiving dinner at the Armadillo Grill. That would also be a good place/time to get people involved with the Canadian picnic.

There was a question on what is allowed for fundraising – as much as you can, raffles are good. It would be best to stay away from raffling off fire arms but gift certificates to a shooting range would be fine.

Suzie moved to approve the minutes, which was seconded by Bob and approved by the committee.

There is progress being made on having 2 or more people for YAEP in 2017. Most of the work is being done by Janice who has calls in to Canada letting them know they need to make this happen. One of the problems might be the school schedule in Calgary – they are still in school in June while Phoenix schools start back up again in August. A solution might be to shorten the schedule to 2 weeks to keep the exchange in place. A suggestion was made to look into an organization like Young Cadets and to try again to get DIRTT involved.

There is no one in the Calgary Sister City group for Phoenix. The mayor said he was committed to making something happen but nothing has come of it.

\$170 was made from the 50/50 raffle held on Canada day. Finances are up to date including the golf tournament. John will report the final numbers for the golf tournament at the November meeting.

Canada week events – Bonspiel, Picnic, Musical Instrument Museum. Need to find out dates and times for MIM. It looks like it will be the same weekend as the golf tournament with the same agenda both Saturday and Sunday.

There was an outside company last year to help with the golf tournament; this year the same company is looking for \$6,000 to organize the event which they worked on last year at no charge. In addition, 3 people from KeatsConnelly put in a large amount of hours working on the event, which was overwhelming. It won't be possible to hold the golf tournament this year unless additional help is recruited. Suggestions are to check with Papago for suggestions on cheaper companies to help organize the tournament and/or find someone who will help with fundraising and recruiting foursomes. Make a wish list to consult when looking at companies to consider. In order to raise more money, keep sponsorship amounts low and sign on more, having only one title sponsor. A small crew ran the entire tournament last year – this year have specific tasks for volunteers and spread out the work so a few people aren't overwhelmed. A decision needs to be

made about the direction of the tournament by early November so invites can be sent to returning golfers.

For next year: apply to have 50/50 raffles at Coyotes games. Applications this year were from June 1-July 29.

Ennis isn't doing their 5k run/walk this year, however the event will take place in February and if people register and check off Calgary on the form, the committee will receive a portion of the entry fee. There is room on the race committee for someone from the Calgary group to help and Suzie volunteered to be on the committee. The 5k will take place at the SRP canal station at Indian School and 51st St.

There is a trip to Japan planned for April 2017. Also possible trips are a visit to China in Fall 2017 and a trip to Prague.

Additional sites to consider for meetings – Burn Center, UHaul at College and Central.