

Phoenix Sister Cities
Calgary Committee Meeting Minutes
September 6, 2017
Armadillo Grill, 1904 E Camelback Rd
Phoenix, AZ

In attendance: Penny Clarke, Rick Gerrard, John Rice, Heidi Hiester, Bob Albert, Suzy Austin, Alan Yang

1. Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm by John Rice.
2. No new faces were at the meeting so in lieu of introductions a few members provided recaps of their summers. Suzy and Penny both spent some time in Canada.
3. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Suzy and seconded by Bob; the motion passed.
4. Committee Reports:
Committee Funds are in the black. We have just over \$1,000 in the fund. This mainly comes from the monies raised at the Canada day event. Just over \$1,000 was raised of which 75% goes to the Calgary committee and 25% goes to the Sister Cities general fund for operating costs
Youth and Education - Bob is working with Vern Jardine, marketing company president of U-Haul Company of Southern Alberta to get something in Canada for the Youth Ambassador program. Per Bethany, the Youth Ambassador program is just getting started with recruitment and marketing for next year. Applications should be live soon if they aren't already.
5. Volunteer Engagement - John would like to create 2 new positions: Volunteer Coordinator and Membership Coordinator. There will be a booth at the state fair for Sister Cities which will include sign up sheets for people who are interested in volunteering or just interested in more information. Follow up has been done for people who signed up earlier but John would like to put a more formal process in place. Suzy suggested making a personal phone call to invite them to something specific or with something specific they could help out with. The Volunteer Coordinator would be in charge of finding people for events and prepping them beforehand. New people can be assigned to the new positions. Sister Cities would like there to be a Membership Liaison.
6. Canadian Thanksgiving: the Calgary Committee will promote Canadian Thanksgiving but all proceeds will go to Brenda. Reservations are needed for this event. Volunteers are needed for the 50/50 raffle. Both Heidi and Penny are available for this. \$100 cash is needed for the bank.
7. Heidi gave a review of Camp Courage. All went well. The boys were able to see a Diamondbacks game due to the generosity of the Diamondbacks who provided tickets behind home plate. Plans are already in place for activities for next year.
8. Canada Day event at the Palomar went very well. The venue was filled to capacity at 100 people. The mayor came early - there were about 10 people in attendance when he arrived. Glenn Williamson read a proclamation from the Canadian Consulate. Bob Albert was the auctioneer for the 9 items included in the silent auction. \$850 was raised from the auction. The Canadian Consulate made a gift of \$500 which was split between KeatsConnelly and Sister Cities. Approximately 50-60 people attended the KeatsConnelly event before it was opened to the public. Whiskey tasting lasted the entire time and was very much appreciated. The hockey items went over very well. 4 other Sister Cities attended the event - Taipai, Catania, Cheng Du and Ennis.

9. Plans for the Canadian Picnic are moving along. There will be no charge for Sister Cities to have a booth at the Picnic. The reason the park is able to be rented so cheaply is because the Sister Cities are involved.
10. Trip to Calgary: a letter needs to be sent to the mayor of Calgary letting him know that a trip is being planned for August 2018. The letter should come from the current mayor of Phoenix. The trip will be open to the public. There was discussion on including an optional trip to Vancouver after 5 days in Calgary. It is very expensive to fly to Vancouver so land travel was proposed. Sister Cities will put together the package but is open to suggestions on events for the trip as well as accommodations. The Sheraton Eau Claire was suggested for Calgary and the Fairmont in Banff.
11. John brought up the subject of the Calgary Committee paying the chair's dues of \$300. He paid out of pocket last year but it is customary for the committee to pay. Penny motioned that the committee pay John's dues this year. Heidi seconded this motion and it was passed.
12. City of Calgary Sister Cities updates:
 - a) There is a Global Links conference next Thursday, September 14.
 - b) Worldfest at the AZ State Fair is October 21 from 11 am to 6 pm. Each committee will have a booth for outreach to the community and activities for kids. There will be passports to get a stamp at each city's booth. A stage will be available for acts if needed. The booths are able to have raffles. 4 volunteers are needed for this event - 2 in the morning and 2 in the afternoon. John and Suzy (tentative) volunteered. Ideas for the booth are the Ft. McMurray oil display, cowboy boots and lariat, white cowboy hat (symbol of Calgary and the Stampede). The dinosaur display was thrown away but we could print out pictures of the Albertosaurus for children to color.
 - c) the Disability group has their artist contest going on now
 - d) There is a Grenoble Beaujolais event the 1st Saturday in November
 - e) A trip to Hermosillo is planned for December 6-10. This 4 day trip will include baseball and art.
13. The next meeting will be Wednesday, October 4, 2017
14. Meeting adjourned at 7:06pm