

Phoenix Sister Cities- The Ramat Gan Committee

October 12, 2017—Meeting minutes

Carol Seidberg's house—1552 W. Augusta Phoenix, AZ 8552.

Meeting was called to order at 6:12 PM.

Present: Tina Robbins, Carol Seidberg, Edna Sitelman, Vicki Cabbot, Mimi Levinson, DD Tunker, Bob Blue.

Staff: Paula West, Rita Marko.

Paula announced her retirement and introduced Rita Marko. Rita reviewed her background and said her various jobs and varied experience will be conducive to her work with Sister Cities.

Minutes from the September meeting were reviewed and approved. (Carol/Bob)

Youth Ambassador Program: Carol shared her experience from the recent visit to Ramat Gan, “sealing the deal” regarding the Youth Ambassador program. This visit is a follow up to Tina’s in which she laid down the foundational work to help reinstitute this program. Meeting also took place with Muli Dor-chair of the Beit Zvi School. There is an interest in Beit Zvi coming to Phoenix for Israel’s 70th BD celebration. The PHX community celebration will take place on April 22, 2018. Paula reminded Tina to put this event on the calendar. In a response to a question, Tina reviewed the highlights of the youth Ambassador exchange program. Both Paula and Rita emphasized the need for a budget for this event.

World Fest: October 21—Volunteers: Tina, Bob, DD, Mimi. Gift/wine baskets will be put together by Tina for a raffle. Israeli music will be played. An activity for children will be planned.

Hanukah Party: Tina suggested we use the get together as a fund raiser. Latkes will be made by Tina. Gift baskets will be put together for a raffle. A motion was passed to spend up to \$200.00 for this event. (Bob/DD).

November 4: Tina encouraged participation in the 5K Run. \$20.00 participation fee.

Israel Independence Day: Tina spoke with Shahar who is in charge of the community celebration. Last time a \$1,000 donation was made by the Israeli Alliance. Hoping for sponsorship this year as well.

Levity and Libation: There was a discussion about combining this event with a Beit Zvi performance so as not to perpetuate the idea of a signature event. Tina suggested the Historical Society. They will provide the wine and we will sell tickets to the event. No fee to be paid to the Historical Society for use of their facility. It was suggested that if the Beit Zvi trip does not materialize, we should hold the Levity and Libation in March.

The committee thanks Paula: The Ramat Gan Committee thanked Paula West for her service to the Sister Cities organization. She was praised for keeping the organization together, and members expressed their good wishes for the rest of her life journey. Paula was presented with an orchid—a

token of the Committee's appreciation. Paula thanked the committee and Rita took a photograph of all present.

Rita reminded the committee about the Beaujolais Nouveau event on November 11. Also display of Art at Portland and Central. More info on the website.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 PM.

Our next meeting will take place on November 9, 2017 at Carol's house.

Respectfully submitted by

Edna Sitelman.