

8Minutes of the Phoenix Sister Cities Hermosillo Committee

Tuesday January 9, 2018

Half Moon Sports Grill, 2121 E Highland Ave, Phoenix, AZ 85016

Attendees: Rick Gerrard, Mike Rakowsky, Craig Allen, Ruth Rimmer, MaryJane Trunzo, Frank Beltran, Connie Lords, Corinne Niezgodski, Lydia M Wahnatah Jimenez, Mariana Chazaro Cecena, Martha Martinez, Emilio Gaynor via phone.

Call to order: Meeting of the Hermosillo Committee was called to order at 6:11 pm by committee member Mike Rakowsky (past chairman).

Welcome and introduction of attendees.

Minutes for the November 14, 2017 meeting motioned for approval by Ruth Rimmer, seconded by Frank Beltran. Motion carried.

Hermosillo Burn Task Force: Mike Rakowsky reported the two medical students are here from Hermosillo and finished their first week of training at the MIHS Arizona Burn Center under the direction of Martha Martinez and Dr Foster. The students are Lydia Wahnatah and Mariana Chazaro. They were hosted last Saturday by committee member Connie Lords, this coming Saturday by Moyca Gupta and then a pot luck dinner on Saturday, January 20 at the home of MaryJane Trunzo. The students state they are learning a lot and grateful to be chosen to participate in the program. There is nothing new to report on Project Cure this month.

Visit of the Hermosillo Mayor to Phoenix over the New Year: Chairman Emilio Gaynor reported, via phone, that tickets for the Phoenix Suns basketball game on New Year's Eve for Hermosillo Mayor Acosta and his delegation were obtained and they enjoyed a great game. Mayor Acosta would like to invite a delegation from Phoenix to Hermosillo for a dedication celebrating the friendship and relationship between the two cities sometime this year.

Youth & Education: Mike Rakowsky reported the application process for the new Youth Ambassadors 2018 are due this coming Friday, January 12.

Economic Development: AZ Governor Ducey announced AZ will be home to SkyBridge Arizona, the nation's first international air cargo hub to US and Mexico customs. It will operate out of Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport. It will enable conducting business in Mexico and Latin America to more efficiently and cost effectively transport goods between countries. This will create approx. 17,000 jobs and increase cargo flights by 2,000 a year.

Fundraising: Emilio Gaynor, via phone, states he will contact Dean Apostolides regarding fund-raising efforts.

Disabilities Committee: MaryJane Trunzo encouraged committee members to support and purchase a Holiday Book and Bear for \$25.00 to support children with special needs and pediatric cancer patients. Also, the beautiful calendars with pictures from the artist's entries for the Arts competition don the pages of each month. They are selling for \$10.00 each.

2017 Toy Drive & Expenditure Reimbursement: Emilio Gaynor reported, via phone, on the successful Christmas toy and clothing event that took place at the De Colores Shelter. Many committee members participated in distribution of the toys and gifts to the recipients. \$300.00 was approved for purchase of the toys. Motion for approval was presented by Frank Beltran, seconded by Connie Lords and approved by all.

Sports Activities: Tabled.

Skate it Forward Event: Rick Gerrard and Connie Lords reported on a successful fun evening at the City Scape skating event held December 13. \$10.00 from each skating ticket sold that evening went to the PSC to be divided between the ten committees who participated. Also, Mayra Driessen obtained coyota cookies and iron-wood keychains to sell at the event for our committee.

1Mission Fundraising Gala Update: Emilio Gaynor reported, via phone, on the successful fundraising event which took place in December and raised over \$100,000.00 to go toward affordable housing for recipients in Hermosillo. Hermosillo Mayor Acosta and Tucson Mayor Rothschild attended and spoke on the great contributions made by 1Mission.

40th Anniversary Celebration: Committee members report progress is being made. The celebration will include many activities including a Phoenix Diamondbacks baseball game. Rick Gerrard will request approval for May 10 – 12 for the celebration from the executive board.

Payment of FY 17-18 BOD Dues: Board of Director dues for Chairman Emilio Gaynor for \$300.00 for fiscal year 2017-2018 was motioned for approval by MaryJane Trunzo, seconded by Craig Allen and approved by all.

PSC Updates: Rick Gerrard reported on the Catania Committee Scavenger Hunt to be held on January 27, the Great Canadian Picnic on February 3, Chinese Week February 16-18 with the banquet on February 24, Matusuri Festival February 24-25 and the Chengdu China delegation trip March 17-28. For more information on these events and others, visit www.phoenixsistercities.org.

Other Business: Compensation to Norm Lords for the dinner on the arrival of the medical students on Monday January 1 at the Old Spaghetti Factory for up to \$250.00 was motioned for approval by MaryJane Trunzo, seconded by Frank Beltran and approved by all.

Call to the Public: MaryJane Trunzo expressed her concern for not having disability access to our committee meetings.

Meeting motioned to adjourn by MaryJane Trunzo, seconded by Craig Allen and Frank Beltran, and approved by all attendees at 7:19 pm.