

Phoenix Sister Cities
Calgary Committee Meeting Minutes
February 7, 2018
Armadillo Grill, 1904 E Camelback Rd
Phoenix, AZ

In attendance: John Rice, Heidi Hiester, Aaron Charad, Julie Adams, Nick Karler

1. Meeting called to order at 6:04 pm by John Rice.
2. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Heidi and seconded by Julie; the motion passed.
3. Committee Reports:
 - a. Committee Funds - \$371 will be added to funds from the 50/50 raffle at the Canadian picnic.
 - b. Youth and Education – in October, Phoenix Sister Cities was approached by school in central Phoenix with disadvantaged youth to see about a Pen Pal program. Each committee was tasked with finding a school in their city to participate in the program. Aaron said that he would get in touch with his friends in Calgary to see if they have any connections to schools.
4. Committee Activities: the 50/50 raffle went very well at the Canadian picnic. Nick, who has been an intern at Sister Cities since early January, was able to volunteer at the picnic and with the raffle. There was discussion on using some funds to spiff up the booth. We would still like some cowboy boots, plus brochures from the Stampede. A flag of Calgary and also Canada would be nice as a backdrop to add some color. An idea was suggested to see if the city of Calgary could provide any donation or ideas of items for the booth.
5. Additional Committee events: we need to decide as a committee what the activities we will plan or sponsor for the upcoming year. John will be willing to serve as Chair unless someone else wants to step up to volunteer. Most people would like to see something bigger for Canada Day – Action: everyone to bring ideas for a Canada Day event to next meeting.
6. Delegation to visit Calgary: Rick is asking for a formal response from Calgary about bringing up a delegation from the US in August.
7. City of Calgary Sister Cities updates:
 - a) Chinese Culture and Cuisine Festival at the Margaret T Hance Park is February 16-18. Admission is free to the events.
 - b) Matsuri “cultural festival” in Japanese is the following weekend – also free admission
 - c) The 30th anniversary delegation to Chengdu will be March 17-28
8. The next meeting will be Wednesday, March 7, 2018 at the Armadillo Grill
9. Call to public: Aaron is planning to sign up as a committee member both of the Calgary Committee and also the committee from Israel. Judy Hawley will email those who signed up for Sister Cities and follow up with calls to try to raise attendance.
10. Meeting adjourned at 6:42 pm