

## **Minutes of the Phoenix Sister Cities Hermosillo Committee**

**Tuesday March 13, 2018**

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

Attendees: Rick Gerrard, Brian Weymouth, Mike Rakowsky, MaryJane Trunzo, Frank Beltran, Connie Lords, Craig Allen, Moyca Gupta, Jeff Currey, Snehal Dalal, Dhraasti Dalal, Rhiannon Draegan, Molly Currey, Kolette Draegan, Gwen Currey.

Call to order: Meeting of the Hermosillo Committee was called to order at 6:05 pm by committee Vice-Chairman, Brian Weymouth.

Welcome and introduction of attendees.

Minutes for Tuesday, February 13, 2018 meeting motioned for approval by Mike Rakowsky, seconded by Frank Beltran. Motion carried.

Hermosillo Burn Task Force: Mike Rakowsky and Frank Beltran reported that work is continuing on obtaining the supplies from the confirmed list for the Project Cure container. Rick Gerrard states they are very close to sending the container to the Children's Hospital in Hermosillo.

Youth & Education: Mike Rakowsky and Moyca Gupta reported on the 2018-19 Youth Ambassador Induction Ceremony which took place on February 16. We as a committee are excited to have the youth ambassadors assigned to Hermosillo and their parents here with us tonight and look forward to getting to know them. They are a strength to our committee.

Camp Courage: Mike Rakowsky reported on the impact of this program in the lives of the participants. He shared personal stories of youth who have attended and benefited from the program.

Economic Development: Frank Beltran reported on the AZ-Sonora Business Expo to be held March 14 & 15. Info can be found at [www.expobusiness.com.mx](http://www.expobusiness.com.mx). He also reported the AZ Commerce Authority announced the groundbreaking for the EdgeCore Internet Real Estate Mesa Data Center Campus which is a two billion dollar project on Elliott and Ellsworth Roads. Rick Gerrard reported on the upcoming Global Links Business Fund Raising Luncheon to be held on Oct 11, 2018 at the Biltmore.

Disabilities Committee: MaryJane Trunzo reported the PSC International Competition for Writers with Disabilities is accepting entries from all committees and would like entries from Hermosillo this year. The awards event will be Friday June 8. More info at [www.phoenixsistercities.org](http://www.phoenixsistercities.org).

Sports Activities: Mike Rakowsky reported a team of 13 & 14 year old basketball players from Hermosillo will be traveling to Phoenix this coming Saturday. Mike will meet up with them.

40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration: Rick Gerrard and MaryJane Trunzo reported the anniversary has been cancelled due to the election of a new mayor going into office in Hermosillo in July. MaryJane motioned a gift card be obtained with the value up to \$200.00 as a "thank you" for Carmela Ramirez

who donated much time and effort toward the anniversary celebration. Moyca Gupta seconded the motion and was approved by all attendees.

CANACO President, Mrs. Lemmenmeyer, women businesses & Ana Elena Aguayo visit and Dinner Expense: Tabled.

PSC Updates: Rick Gerrard reported on upcoming Evening in Prague on March 17, St Patrick's Day Parade on March 17, and Mayors International Fundraiser on April 26. For more information on these events and others, visit [www.phoenixsistercities.org](http://www.phoenixsistercities.org).

Proposed Hermosillo Children's Choir Trip to Phoenix & Scottsdale: Rick Gerrard reported a children's choir from Hermosillo contacted the sister city program in Scottsdale to announce they would like to perform here in the fall 2018. Rick is inviting a Scottsdale Sister City rep to attend our committee meeting next month to explain all the details and how our committee can help out.

FY Events & Budget Forms: Rick reported that all events for the next fiscal calendar year and budget forms need to be submitted by March 16.

Call to the Public:

Meeting motioned to adjourn at 6:39 pm by Mike Rakowsky, seconded by MaryJane Trunzo and approved by all attendees.