

Phoenix Sister Cities, Catania, Italy Committee

Minutes of the November 16 Meeting

1. Meeting was called to order at 5:40PM.
2. Present: Enrico Orsini, Andy Trotti, Rick Gerard, Mike Kennedy, Fern Gold, Reyna Cruz
3. Announcement: Congratulations to Andy Trotti, the new president of the AAIC.
4. Discussion: Suggestion that dates be switched with Giro happening in May and wine tasting in January was not approved. Giro will be Saturday, January 27, 2018. Wine tasting in May.
5. The Catania committee will host two events only in 2018: Il Giro and the Wine tasting. Time and manpower constraints limit the committee's commitment to the two events. Carnavale and San Gennaro festivals may be considered in the future.
6. Discussion: Youth Ambassador Program and the Wilson School initiative.
 - a. Charlotte Morrissey is liaison, helping to coordinate with each classroom.
 - b. The program will start in middle school.
 - c. Each classroom will get a sister city.
 - d. There will be video meetings, translation of songs.
 - e. School wants a report and report will be sent to Catania. (Enrico and Alessia will do translation).
 - f. Catania committee could visit classrooms. Perhaps Dec. 6, Enrico and Mike to go
7. War of the Wines
 - a. Enrico proposed inviting Arizona wine makers to the 2018 event
 - b. Will ask France if they want to participate
 - c. Enrico suggested that the venue this year should be a place that sells wine. A boutique wine shop might be most willing to donate wine given the opportunity to sell their product.
 - d. It was agreed that the event should not be a sit-done event. People should be encouraged to mingle.
8. Flyer for Il Giro needs to get to Rick before December 1 if his interns are to update it.
 - a. Andy indicated that the club would again provide lunch at the same price as last year.
 - b. Provision of lunch was approved at the meeting.
 - c. In addition, Andy indicated that tables of vendors could be allowed to maintain booths.
9. Rick discussed future events:
 - a. City Scape – December 13, set up 3:30-4:30, \$5 of every ticket goes to PSC. Committee voted to participate
 - b. ASU vs U of A November 25
 - c. Hermosillo Outbound trip was cancelled; December 15 toy drive TBA – to benefit de Colores shelter for women and children. Sponsored by Snell and Wilner law firm.
10. Meeting adjourned at 7pm