

Sioux Falls Sister Cities Association
August 20, 2009
Center for Active Generations

The Sioux Falls Sister Cities Association met for the monthly meeting at the Center for Active Generations.

President, Ginny Beck, called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

The minutes from the June 18, 2009, meeting were read and approved.

There was no treasurer's report.

Claims: \$xx.xx to Tiffny Hagan, Virtual Office Assistant and \$xxx.xx to Colleen Schulte for 60,000 beer & pop tickets for the German Fest. These were approved.

Irish News: Cathy Brechtelsbauer reported that her son, Luke, is in Ireland competing in the All Ireland Harp Competition. The mayor hasn't returned the letter of acceptance for Newry & Mourne to become an Irish Sister City. Dave Kemp talked about Augie and literature & history, tourism, business and the golf course at the Westward Ho Country Club as ideas for exchanges with Newry. Ginny asked that Dave head up these exchanges. Dave made a motion to accept the letter when it comes from the mayor's office and send it onto Newry. This motion was approved.

Potsdam: Todd Runyan is set for the Youth & Violence Conference in Potsdam in October. They will each be given 1/2 hour to present problems within the community they represent. Then, brainstorm ideas for make changes. There will be approximately 40 hours of conference time. Brade Heegel, Director of Special Projects at Augustana and Contractor to the USGS, EROS, will meet with the mayor of Potsdam as he'll be there for a Landsat 8 conference Sept 28-Oct 2.

Los Cabos: Jeannie from the Walsh Foundation was a guest at the meeting and gave more information on Los Cabos. A letter has been written to accept Sioux Falls/Los Cabos as Sister Cities. Newport Beach, Ca, must accept this.

Sanford Health: Diane Lyons, Sanford Health, was a guest at the meeting and spoke on the research Mike Saba has done in order to build children's clinics. He and a group of citizens are using this material to put together a book called Sioux Falls and the World. It would include what the various organizations in Sioux Falls are doing around the world as well.

German Fest: Sept 12.... Dale has all of the vendors in place including new vendors. All fees are in. The Argus Leader will do an article. There will be German food and beverage. 12 beers will be sold. The Sister Cities Organization will be the only beer vendor. Pop & water will be sold for \$1.00 (1 ticket). Red plastic beer mugs will be sold at \$7.00 for the first beer and \$4.00 for each refill. Sunshine will put notices in the grocery stores. There will be a children's tent. Beal Distributing will provide wrist bands, signage, advertise in stores and donate \$xxxxxx. A survey will be done to find out how people heard about German Fest. Tee-shirts are on order that will sold. There maybe a conflict with tables as the Sidewalk Arts Festival is the same day. The German Fest will run from 2:00 pm to 10:00 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm