

**Sioux Falls Sister Cities Association**  
**May 21, 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 April 16, 2009, meeting were read and approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** As of May 21, 2009, the checking account balance is \$xxxx.xx and \$xx,xxx.xx in CD's. Since the last meeting, these invoices have been paid: Roll of stamps, \$xx.xx; Chamber of Commerce membership \$xxx.xx; Indiana Insurance for general liability insurance, \$xxx.xx; McKinney Olson Insurance for directors/officers insurance, \$xxx.xx. The report was approved as read.

**Claims:** \$xx.xx to Tiffny Hagan, Virtual Office Advantage. This was approved.

**Potsdam:** Todd Runyan has received approval to attend the Youth & Violence Conference in Potsdam, October 13-16, 2009. Grants are being looked at to fund this trip.

**Festival of Cultures:** Sister Cities will have a booth at the festival which will be held on June 20, 2009.

**Newry & Mournie:** April 2, a formal invitation was received to be a sister city with Newry & Mournie. Ginny Beck and Dale Schmidt visited with Mayor Munson regarding this invitation. There is no financial support and no commitment of any kind from the city. The attorney is looking at the forms. Shawn Cleary asked what our commitment and connections will there be to Newry & Mournie. It was suggested that it start small and grow.

**Membership:** The membership renewal notices have been sent. Even if no dues are paid, anyone on the email list will remain. However, because of the cost of postage, the mailing will be eliminated to those that don't pay the membership fee.

**Logo:** Heidi Beck has redesigned and updated the logo, designed a brochure and mailer for potential sponsors. Heidi will present a cost projection in the future.

**Other Business:** Rick Albrecht suggested that a German team be invited to the Tour de Kota event. Shawn Cleary reported that Sanford is doing a book, "Sioux Falls and the World". This will be a resource showing what all organization, in Sioux Falls, are doing outside of our city. Shawn also reported that the Irish Fair is being planned for this summer, July 25.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm