

Sioux Falls Sister Cities Association
Center for Active Generations
Thursday, March 19, 2009
7:00pm

The Sister Cities Association met on Thursday, March 19, 2009, at the Center for Active Generations at 7:00pm. The minutes from the February meeting were reviewed and accepted.

Treasurer's Report the checking account has a balance of \$xxxx.xx. The CD's have a balance of \$xx,xxx.xx. The balance of all accounts is \$xx,xxx.xx. With the payment of membership dues of \$xxx to Sister Cities International, that leaves the balance of all accounts \$xx,xxxx.xx. Steve shared a letter he had written to the mayor's office. In the letter he stressed the importance of a sister city relationship and mentioned our disappointment that the City would no longer pay our membership dues to SCI.

There was a discussion in regards to the Protze's from Potsdam . They wish to perform at Germanfest this year. There was a motion and seconded to help financially with their air fare to bring them to Germanfest. They will perform in the children's area.

Steve recapped his trip to Potsdam . A reception at a local establishment was held in his honor with a number of people he had met over the years in attendance. Steve visited with Professor Detliv Bellig while in Potsdam. Professor Bellig is a law professor who would like to encourage exchanges between law students over here and those in Potsdam.

Tiffny shared the gift items that were purchased for the students and teachers from Potsdam that are coming to Sioux Falls. The girls will receive a dream catcher, the boys a bone feather carving and the two teachers will each receive a book entitled Wahres Aus Dem Wilden Westen. These gifts will be presented at a reception at the Lincoln High School library on March 23, at 3:30pm. Guenter will be there on behalf of Sister Cities. Thank you Guenter!

Todd Runyan shared his thoughts on attending a conference in Potsdam this fall. The conference is about Youth and Violence. Many details are still to be worked out. The conference is a week long. Todd plans on taking his own vacation time to attend. Funding is still an issue. The resource officer from Sioux Falls Christian may attend as well.

A rough draft of a new Sister Cities' brochure was passed out for additions and/or corrections. There was a discussion on whether we partnered with Potsdam in 1989 or 1990.

Ginny reported that Germanfest committee meetings will begin again once Dale Schmidt and Karl Buegner return from Florida. She received a call from a prospective vendor who wants to serve sauerkraut pizza at Germanfest.

With no other business to conduct, the meeting adjourned at 8pm.

Ginny Beck standing in for Kathy Madison