

**SISTER CITY COMMITTEE
AGENDA**

**Monday, 12 March 2012
7:00 P.M.
Multipurpose Room**

- I. Call to Order
- II. Minutes
- III. Goals for 2012
 - a. Jazz Fest and concert - Dan Anderson
 - b. Vira update
 - c. Library displays
 - d. Speaker series
 - e. Photo exchanges
- IV. Old Matters
 - a. Master contact list
 - b. Sunflowers
 - c. Going to Ukraine
- V. New Matters
 - a. Village Fest
 - b. Other new matters
- VI. Adjourn

SISTER CITY COMMITTEE
13 February 2012
MINUTES

Call to Order

Chair Jim Hohensee called the meeting to order. Present: Bob McGowan, Yulia Matskevych, Carole Mosher, Bob Glywa and Vera Glywa. Also Present: Sally Hohensee and Cleo Simmonds
Staff: Chris Engel

Minutes

Minutes from January 9, 2012 were approved.

Banner

The background colors of the banner were discussed. The white background behind the flags contrasts with the rest of the background and needs to be transparent. Jim and Bob will be looking into removing the background with software or possibly rescanning the flags.

Exchange Student Update

Carole reported Vira is doing well. She visited a friend in Texas over the holiday break. There was discussion of having a party for her before she leaves. Further discussion ensued on the need to line up a homestay opportunity sooner than later for a student to come next school year.

New Priorities Meeting

The Committee will meet informally on Saturday, 3 March, at 9AM at Einstein Brothers Bagels on 103rd and State Line to discuss new directions in 2012. Members should bring ideas for what the Committee should be working on in the new year; for example, education, publicity, homestay opportunities, communication, etc.

Sister City International Conference

Since Carole Mosher and Bob McGowan are unable to attend the conference Jim asked Bob Glywa to consider attending. Bob Glywa is also unable to attend due to the impending wedding of his son. Jim will discuss the opportunity with Phil and report back.

Art Show

The committee has decided to not host a gallery show this year. Jim and Sally are going to visit Doyna this summer and could bring items back for the show. There was discussion of the types of art that could be displayed. It was decided that photographs could be transferred the easiest so the show will be primarily city-owned pieces from the 2009 showing and new photos. Possibly an exchange could be established between the Dolyna photography club and the SM East students Yuri spoke to when here. The exchange could be included in a Village Voice article.

Jazzfest

The Dolyna Jazz Band all have 5 year visas but would still need approvals through the consulate. This will required formal invitations sent from the Mayor. Vera will be contacting the new Chair, Jack Shearer, to find out if there is still \$3,000 available to defray the cost of the band attending.

Guest Speakers

Jim has spoken to Michael Kelly and a recently returned Peace Corps Volunteer to give a presentation in March about their recent experiences in Ukraine.

Sunflower Fundraiser

Carole has spoken with Family Tree. They can't do sunflowers because they are annuals and too tall. She suggested something similar might work and will be contacting Suburban Lawn and Garden to look into a supplier.

New Business

Cleo shared that the committee needs to do a better job of keeping non-committee members in the information loop. In the absence of a "Friends Of" group there are people that support the work of the committee that are being unintentionally turned off. Cleo believes the relationships with the people that have supported the committee need to be nurtured through contact and shared information. Items such as Christmas cards or invites to committee events like the student reception go a long way and keep the relationships fresh. People need to hear from the committee more often than just when they are needed for help.

Vera discussed the possibility of a joint Ukrainian Club Sister City event to get people connected. A dinner event at the Community Center was discussed for Sunday, May 6th in the afternoon. Chris will look into reserving the facility.

Adjournment

The next meeting will be Saturday, March 3rd at 9:00 am at Einstein's at 103rd and State Line.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be Monday, March 12th at 7:00pm in City Hall.

Jim Hohensee
Chair