

City and Borough of Juneau (CBJ)
Sister Cities Committee
Minutes
March 26, 2014 Meeting

Committee Members: Sue Baxter (Co-Chair) Maria Uchytel (Co-Chair)
Glenn Gray Joan Mize (Secretary) Chloie Watson (excused)
Marsha Squires (UAS Liaison)

1. Approval of Agenda

Agenda approved with addition of Vladivostok information.

2. Approval of Minutes

The Committee approved the minutes from the February 24, 2014 meeting.

3. Introduction of Marsha Squires, UAS Liaison

Marsha is the exchange/study abroad coordinator. The Committee welcomed Marsha and a discussion regarding activities and events was held. Currently UAS has an F Visa which allows students who are degree seeking candidates to attend UAS for 2-4 years. They need a J Visa for exchange and visitor programs since it is for a shorter time period. It costs approximately \$4,000 per year and they would be required to bring in 5 visitors per year. There is a fisheries lab in Juneau, but the main fisheries program is at UA Fairbanks. UAS has only a few classes and staff during the summer so the summer would not be an ideal time for an exchange.

4. Kalibo Sub-Committee Report

Joan and Sue met with representatives of the Juneau Philippine community to set up a sub-committee. Everyone is very enthusiastic and much discussion was held about what was to be done to finalize the sister city relationship and activities involved. It is possible that Mayor Lachica will visit around July 4th and the Proclamation could be done at that time. Next meeting will be held on April 8th at the Philippine Hall on Franklin Street at 5:30 pm.

5. Whitehorse Letter and Visit

Due to budget constraints there will not be a March or April meeting with mayors and assembly members. However, there is the possibility of a trip to Whitehorse with the Rotary after May 1. Sister City members would get together with Whitehorse Sister City members, but would have to pay their own way.

6. Airport Display Case Information

Maria has not heard from Christine. We will plan to get in touch with her and change the display in April from Whitehorse to Kalibo.

7. Vladivostok Information

Maria has not heard anything further from her contact. She will try to get in touch with her before next meeting. Marsha will see if there might be any students interested in the exchange program in June.

8. Next Meeting

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for April 28, 2014 at 5:00 pm in the Valley Library at Mendenhall Mall.