

City and Borough of Juneau (CBJ)
Sister Cities Committee
Minutes
May 29, 2013 Meeting

Attendees: Sue Baxter (Chair) Maria Uchytel (Vice-Chair)
Glenn Gray – (Secretary) Chloe Watson

Not Attending: Joan Mize

1. Approval of Agenda

The committee members established the agenda for the meeting.

2. Airport Display

Maria reported that she signed the agreement for the airport display for a one-year period. The exhibit needs to be installed by the middle of June. She and Chloe met with a graphic designer to come up with a concept for a display that would have a map on a cylinder identifying our sister cities. The display would periodically change to feature a different city. A logo would identify each sister city, and the featured sister city would have a color logo. The Committee agreed that Vladivostok would be the first featured city. Sue and Glenn will search for items for the first display, and the Committee will review these items at its next meeting.

3. Kalibo

Sue will invite Geny Del Rosario to our next meeting to give a report on last year's delegation to Kalibo Philippines.

4. Juneau History Grant

Glenn proposed the Committee apply for a \$1,000 grant from the Juneau City Museum to catalog information about our sister cities. The Committee discussed various ideas, including:

- Using the grant to develop one of the revolving airport displays,
- Having a retired archivist go through materials and produce an electronic archive of materials, and
- Giving a presentation at the museum.

Sue will check with the CBJ Clerk to see if it would be possible for the Committee to apply for the grant. She will also check with the Museum to see how the funds could be spent.

Applications are due June 28: <http://www.juneau.org/parkrec/museum/grant.php>

5. Exchange Students

The Committee agreed to repeat last year's effort to hold a potluck in October for the exchange students and their families and introduce the students to the Assembly and School Board.

6. Status of Sister Cities

In response to interest by the Committee on how the sister city relationships got started Glenn gave a summary.

- The Camiling, Philippine relationship was established as a result of a request by Ray Jose, a Juneau resident with roots in that community. No exchanges were ever held for that relationship.
- The Chia Yi, Taiwan relationship was established in 1988 as a result of interest in that community by former Juneau Mayor Polley and the Sister Cities Committee.
- The Whitehorse, Canada relationship was established at the request of the Sister Cities Committee.
- The Vladivostok, Russia relationship was established under the leadership of former Mayor Botelho after a trip he made to the city in the late 1980s.
- The Mishan City, China relationship was established at the request of the Sister Cities Committee because of Mishan's sister city relationship with Vladivostok.

7. Communication

Two items were address under this agenda item. First, Sue will contact the CBJ Clerk to see if Committee members can be added to the Sister Cities International email list. Second, the Committee identified a priority to get contact information for each of our sister cities. Glenn agreed to ask Tom Chard (previous Committee chair) for information he collected, including the address for Mishan City. Glenn and Maria will bring their contact information for Vladivostok to the next meeting. Sue will contact the Mayor's office to see if they have a contact for Chia Yi. We currently have a contact for Whitehorse (Sheila Dodd) and the Committee briefly discussed the possibility of preparing a letter for the Mayor to send to Whitehorse inviting the City Council to Juneau.

8. Next meeting

The next meeting will be on June 13, possibly at the CBJ offices.

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