

Juneau Sister Cities Committee

Minutes of June 1, 2012

Attendees: Tom Chard Adrien Lopez Jeremy Frank Glenn Gray Sue Baxter

1. Approval of Agenda

The committee approved the agenda.

2. Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the February 2 and March 22, 2012 were approved.

3. Strategies to Build Relationships

- **Camiling:** This relationship is in dormant stage. The Committee may pursue emeritus status in the future.
- **Whitehorse:** It is up to Whitehorse to schedule the next meeting with the Assembly. Glenn asked for updates on relationships between groups in each city. Committee members mentioned there is an exchange between the roller derby leagues and hockey teams. The Juneau Convention and Visitor's Bureau may be able to offer group packages. Rotary. Glenn will contact Sheila Dodd of Whitehorse to see if she is available to meet with our committee by audio or video teleconference.
- **Chia-Yi:** Nothing to report. Sue said it is difficult to find visuals about the city. It is important to make contact with the city, and one option would be to send an email to the address on their city web site.
- **Mishan City:** Nothing to report.
- **Vladivostok:** Sue reported that Janna Levchuk is teaching at Thunder Mountain. Maria Fedorey still plans a student visit summer 2013. Sister Cities International is sponsoring a webinar for obtaining visas for sister city exchanges and Sue will attend it. Tom reported that a Russian conversation club has started up that meets Tuesdays 7pm at Udder Culture.

4. General Strategies to Build Awareness/Relationships

- **Exchange Students:** School district does not assist with obtaining visas. There are approximately 14 exchange students, and the Committee discussed sponsoring a potluck reception for all students the second week of September. Invitations will be sent to the Assembly, Juneau Delegation, JCVB, Juneau Empire, Chamber of Commerce, and university clubs. Venue discussion. More than one event.
- **Presentation to Schools:** Sue has been working on a PowerPoint presentation. The next step is to make contact with our sister cities. We have a contact in Vladivostok, but not in the other cities. Tom will try to contact other sister cities.
- **Toolkits:** Nothing to report.
- **Airport Display:** Will work with Ruth Danner.

- **Facebook/Wikipedia Site:** Waiting for policy from Assembly. In the meantime the Committee is considering establishing a Wikipedia site.

5. **Other Business**

- **Minutes:** The CBJ Clerk's Office sent out tips for writing minutes.
- **Website updates:** The survey is still up on website. A future agenda item will address about what can be done with website. There is a possibility of using CBJ website as an archive of relationships.
- **City Emails**
 - **April 2 Email from Angela Hull:** We still do have about a thousand dollars within an account. Future business to track down how to use these funds.
 - **February 14 and February 16 Emails from Beth McEwen**
- **Announcements**
 - Adrien announced that she has accepted a job with the Latin America Development Bank in Washington D.C.
 - Jeremy announced that he has accepted a job in Washington DC for a contractor, but he is not sure when he will be moving.
- **Next Meeting**
 - Friday 13, noon