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May 28, 2013

Advisory Commission on International Relationships

Members present: Charity Alonso, Paul Gallardo, Bob Kelly, Dean Koffler, Carol Lindseth, Sandy Erickson, guest: Robin

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:13 PM with a quorum present.

MINUTES: Bob moved to approve the April minutes; Sandy seconded, the motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Kay provided a list of expenses to date. New expenses include receipts for the new notebook supplies. Paul Gallardo moved that Janet McLeod be reimbursed for these expenses; Charity Alonso seconded; motion carried. Janet will scan the receipt and send it to the City with a cover sheet and explanation. New name tags were discussed, providing them before the Open World Hosting. Bob Kelly moved we get new name tags made with our new logo. Paul seconded... motion carried.

HOSTING UPDATE: Sandy and Bob provided a handout with the latest agenda for our upcoming Open World hosting. We have learned the delegates are interested in Ag-production; they are state/government professionals. We went over the schedule that Sandy has organized. Bob mentioned some items that need our support:

We will meet with the host families for an orientation on the 16th (Sunday evening) at Sandy's house unless we can secure the Chamber conference center.

An informal touch base meeting of ACIR is scheduled for 2 PM Tuesday the 18th at Faster Basset... all of us need to meet together to try to review final details of the hosting. It will be our last meeting, as there will be no meeting in July. Janet will let Joyce know. Janet will also send a note to all members to meet at Faster Basset the 18th.

Friday, at the Visitor's Center, host families will arrive at 7:15 PM to wait for the limo to bring delegates from airport. We will invite the host families in for a very small reception where the delegates will receive a bag of brochures, an official welcome, and will then will go home with their families for a light meal after a long day of travel. The Visitor Center is staying open past 6 PM and will also provide coffee and tea. Someone needs to coordinate with the Visitor's Center to get the brochures to give to delegates. Carol will work on that. Wednesday - Carol will also provide doughnuts or something to eat at the GF Association of Realtor's Building at 8:45 AM.

Sunday at the Country Club will move to 11 AM instead of noon.

Wednesday night - the public reception will be at 5:15 PM at the Civic Center in Gibson Room. We decided to ask the City to provide coffee and cookies at a reasonable cost. All of us need to invite the public to attend. It will be at 5:15, so we have a better chance of getting people downtown. It was suggested the Chamber name it a Business After Hours event to get more people here. Wednesday's lunch at Grand Union is going to be about \$15. They don't serve lunch anymore but will do so for us.

For the game Thursday at Centene Stadium, the delegates will eat hot dogs/burgers served at the game. Bob will ask for extra tickets to the game for host families.

Friday June 28th- Robin says Open World has stopped making us hold a program evaluation, because that is now the job of the facilitator. Robin will double check. Robin suggests that Friday, which is currently a job shadow day, could be a trip to the Grain Lab with Jeff Rumney.

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Robin also suggests name badges for the delegates. Easter Seals (on Central Ave. across from Central Christian Church) can make them with all three names for less than \$1 each. Sandy will take care of delegate nametags.

Saturday and Sunday may provide time for an additional outing. We could go to Giant Springs or Ryan Dam for a BBQ (take nickels to feed the fish). *If someone is interested in putting something together on one of those days, take the initiative to plan it and let us know.* Janet will call Lewis Zanto about the cabin he suggested. Discount Meats puts together a great meat & cheese tray. No pork may be an issue for one of them. Yerbol... they eat cheese and fruits.

Dean has calendars designed to be printed and given as gifts to the delegates. Staples would charge \$130 and Allegra would charge \$151 (for costs and another \$90 for labor.) He included the Russian national holidays; but Sandy will consult with Tanya Luckenbill to get the Kazakhstan holidays instead. Dean can get more pictures if needed from Carol, who put together a beautiful booklet for the Convention & Visitors Bureau. We could put the team picture in the calendar, too (Carol took one of the photos). Carol will take her camera all week during the hosting and then make a CD of the trip for each delegate. Sandy moved to authorize Dean to make the calendars as gifts; Janet seconded, motion carried. Kay also provided a garden stake; Carol is providing the trade coins; the City will give little lapel pins.

Regarding the host family situation: Janet will follow up with Lana on the friends she was asking to host. We have only a little time but can change addresses and host family information even after it is submitted. The only female in the group is the facilitator and also Tanya, the interpreter. So far, both Janet McLeod and Bob Kelly are hosting in their homes, but it would be nice to find an alternate home so that Bob doesn't have to host. He will be driving the delegates around every day. Sandy has a promising prospect and Janet has quite a few possibilities that have yet to report back.

WORLD QUEST REPORT – Charity gave a quick report: Steve Huron is a teacher in town at the Christian School and he hasn't called back, she has a call in to him.

SISTER CITIES UPDATE - Robin reported that she has sent the application but has not heard back. She emailed Harold to let him know it has been filed. She also talked to Brett Downey of GFDA who is very interested, and the Mayor is on board with it too. She reminded us that our KRTV contact is Tara Grimes and Kristen Cates is the Trib contact (but we already have Scott Thompson). Tara likes to go on site, so we should think about that.

RON LUCKENBILL UPDATE - Carol reported the Montana Center for International Visitors (as of 2012) is now part of World Montana (Ron is Chairman of their Board of Directors). Their website is: Worldmontana.org. A general membership is \$35 or \$50. They don't have a place for our organization to join, but Sandy & Lynn will join as members and can bring the information to ACIR and then will stay in touch. Their big thing is citizen's diplomacy; they do lots of programs/exchanges and are working now with UM. It is state wide.

Sandy moved to adjourn - seconded by Dean... the meeting was adjourned at 8:27 PM.