

Sister Cities Committee Minutes

10. February. 2009

Attendees: Linda McCance Packham, Chair, Pamela Fowler, Frank Grant-Acquah, Mary Harrison, Gladys Lawson. Trustee Liaison Robert Packham

Staff Liaison Kim Benedix was not able to attend the meeting; in her absence, Linda took Minutes.

Meeting called to order by Linda at 7:40 PM.

Motion to accept Agenda as presented made by Frank, seconded by Gladys. All ayes. Motion carried..

Motion to accept the Minutes of the January 6, 2009 meeting as presented made by Frank, seconded by Mary. All ayes. Motion carried.

Members reviewed the FY 2010 Budget.

Linda updated members on the interest expressed by Hanover Highlands School, to form a "Sister School" relationship with Hanover Park Primary. Students are busy working on Pen Pal letters to Cape Coast.

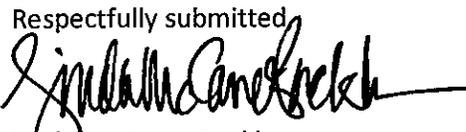
Discussion held surrounding the potential women's shelter in Cape Coast, including the impact a change in political power has on local contacts. The group has high interest in how we might be able provide assistance. Mary is willing to start a simplified "business plan". Frank suggested other groups (besides the Police) who might partner or help manage such a shelter, including Lions, Rotary, Catholic Charities.

New business discussion included:

- Prince Kwame Kludjeson, president of the Africa Global Sister Cities Foundation, is in Chicago, and left a voice mail for Frank. Frank is attempting to find out how long he will be in town; perhaps we can have a get-together.
- Linda advised that the Illinois State Convention for Sister Cities will be held in Schaumburg, April 17-18. All members present expressed interest in attending.
- Frank discussed potential dates for a 2009 trip to Cape Coast. We will try to arrange a program that coincides with the annual Fetu Afayshe. Tentative dates are departure from O'Hare August 28, with a return to Chicago on September 12. The cost will be approximate \$3,500 - \$4,000 per person (includes airfare, ground transportation, hotel, and meals).

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:13 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Linda McCance Packham