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SISTER CITIES COMMITTEE

Valparaiso Sub Committee Meeting

Hanover Park Police Headquarters – Community Room
2011 Lake St - Hanover Park, IL 60133
Tuesday, June 14, 2016
7:00 p.m.

MINUTES

1. **CALL TO ORDER–ROLL CALL:**

Chair Linda McCance Packham called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

PRESENT: Committee Linda McCance Packham, Arnulfo Flores, Maria Pineda,
Members: Trustee Herb Porter

ABSENT: Committee Gustavo Pineda
Members:

ALSO PRESENT: None

2. **ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA:**

Motion made by Trustee Porter to accept the agenda. Second by Arnulfo. Voice vote: all ayes. Motion carried.

3. **PRESENTATIONS/REPORTS:**

None.

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Motion made by Arnulfo to approve minutes of the March 8, 2016 meeting. Second by Trustee Porter. Voice vote: all ayes. Motion carried.

5. **ACTION ITEMS:**

5-a. Budget discussion – 2016 accomplishments and 2017 goals - There was a group conversation about activities funded in the past, and needs we foresaw for the future. Consensus was children's education as a priority.

5-b. Mexican Independence Day Celebration - Mexican Independence Day celebration. Maria advised this year the St. Ansgar Parish event will be held Saturday, Sept 10.

- Discussion followed how we could best participate, and it was suggested that we could use our “Bienvenidos” banner on a Village vehicle to promote our Valparaiso Sister Cities relationship.
- Arnulfo also said he would be willing to contact a small equestrian group (a man in authentic Charro garb with lasso and two women in traditional dress on horseback), if the Village would permit it.
- He could also engage a band, if the Village would provide a flatbed truck (or a pick-up) and help defray the cost.

6. **TOWNHALL SESSION:**

None.

7. **OLD BUSINESS (NON-ACTION ITEMS):**

7-a. Pen Pal Program – Discussion was held regarding how to involve other groups besides schools (perhaps local churches), and/or work through PTA groups to relieve the extra-curricular stress on teachers. Arnulfo advised we can continue to send packets with the bus driver who handles the Chicago-Valparaiso route, to eliminate the cost and delay of relying on the postal service.

7-b. Member recruitment. Chair Linda recommended we use our Sister Cities brochure as part of a “member recruiting packet” when we speak at PTA meetings or other groups, in particular Laurel Hill School.

8. **NEW BUSINESS (NON-ACTION ITEMS):**

8-a. Photographs of activities in Valparaiso, including the boys’ futbol team. Arnulfo will send our Staff Liaison Katherine Perez a selection of photos, to start building an archive. Trustee Porter had indicated this would be useful in publicizing our Mexican Sister Cities ties with the local Latino community.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made by Maria to adjourn at 8:04 p.m. Second by Trustee Porter. Vote: all ayes. Motion carried.

Minutes recorded and transcribed by:

Linda McCance Packham
Chair, Hanover Park Sister Cities Committee