

Sister Cities Committee

April 14, 2009

Minutes

Members in Attendance: Chairperson Linda McCance Packham, Adelaide Grant-Acquah, Frank Grant-Acquah, Pamela Fowler, Gladys Lawson (arrived at 7:40 p.m.) Trustee Liaison Robert Packham. Staff Liaison Kim Benedix.

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 PM

Acceptance of Agenda:

Motion made by Frank and seconded by Pamela to accept the agenda as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Acceptance of Minutes:

Motion made by Adelaide and seconded by Frank to accept the minutes of the March 10, 2009 meeting as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

April Convention:

Committee members reviewed the agenda for this weekend's State Convention in Schaumburg. Textiles were donated for the silent auction. Linda will attend Saturday morning's State Board meeting. Others will meet for breakfast at Roosevelt University and attend the day's events. Pamela and Adelaide will be delegates to the convention. Saturday's workshop is a foreign city's perspective about hosting exchanges; a "view from the other side".

Hanover Highlands Presentation

Linda, Trustee Packham and Adelaide presented materials at Hanover Highlands School for preschoolers through 6th grade. Topics included native drums, Ghanaian foods, a review of photos taken by the committee during their most recent trip to Ghana and photos taken by students in Ghana. Students noted the differences.

Frank will be traveling to Ghana on Thursday (for 10 days) to attend a memorial for his aunt. He will hand carry approximately 25 pen pal letters, a book put together by students describing Hanover Park and odds and end school supplies.

November Trip:

Linda explained the annual trip will be taken in November instead of during the summer of 2009. There will be substantial airfare savings and an opportunity to participate in the convention in Accra. Buffalo, New York (whose Sister City is also Cape Coast Ghana) is interested in joining us on the trip. It was also discussed that November is the dry season. The weather is warm with less humidity. Determination of who would like to travel this year will be made at a later time.

Thank You

As Trustee Packham will no longer be on the Village Board, a new Trustee Liaison will be assigned to the committee. Linda and the committee thanked Trustee Packham for his hard work and dedication.

Adjournment:

Motion for adjournment made by Frank, seconded by Pamela. All ayes. Motion carried.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:53 PM

Minutes Approved:

Signature: 

Date: 5/12/09