

Clerk Corral

**Sister Cities Committee
October 13, 2009
Minutes**

Members in Attendance: Chairperson Linda McCance Packham, Pamela Fowler, Adelaide Grant-Acquah, Frank Grant-Acquah. Staff Liaison Katherine Perez.

Also Present: Village Clerk Eira Corral, Past Trustee Robert Packham, and Streamwood High School students Jillvona McJefferson, Mark Wynter Quanisha Garlington, and Andreea Platt (Civics Class assignment).

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:31 p.m.

Acceptance of Agenda

Motion to accept the Agenda as presented made by Adelaide, seconded by Pamela. All ayes. Motion carried.

Acceptance of Minutes

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

Continued Discussion of Preliminary Budget Discussion – FY2010 Accomplishments & FY2011 Goals

Preliminary budget discussion was continued after having been initiated at the September 8th meeting. After summarizing the budget process for the benefit of the meeting observers, Chairman McCance Packham asked if there were any questions and invited member input on possible projects and activities that should be considered for Fiscal Year 2011.

Discussion topics included dues; registration fee for the international conference; building improvements and the acquisition of textbooks and computers for Hanover Park Primary School; and maintenance of the penpal program. The domestic violence housing project was also discussed at this time; however, no recommendations can be made without the face-to-face meetings and onsite inspections which were to have occurred in November 2009 had the Ghana trip not been postponed. There are also issues of operability and sustainability. Frank was asked by the Chair if he could pursue more information from Michael Acri about items for the school other than computers.

OLD BUSINESS:

Pen Pal Program

The letters from students of Hanover Park Primary will be delivered to Principal Negron on October 20, 2009.

NEW BUSINESS

Dialog with Students

Civics Class students from Streamwood High School attending the meeting were interested in the discussion topics of the Committee. The Committee members engaged the students in conversation by asking about their Civics Class requirements, knowledge of government and current events; and personal academic goals. The students asked questions about Committee activities and projects; the relationship between the Village of Hanover Park and Cape Coast; the historical significance of Cape Coast and preservation of the castle; and Ghana's geography, culture and politics. Committee members also shared additional information pertaining to the Peace Corps and the One Laptop Per Child program.

2010 Meeting Dates

The Chair asked the committee if it would like to continue with the schedule of meeting on the second Tuesday of each month, and it was decided that the same schedule would continue in 2010.

Adjournment

Motion for adjournment made by Adelaide and seconded by Pamela. All ayes. Motion carried.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Minutes Approved:

Signature: 

Date: 10. Nov. 2009