

**Sister Cities Committee  
September 8, 2009  
Minutes**

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

**Also Present:** Village Clerk Eira Corral, Immediate Past Trustee Robert Packham, Arnulfo Flores and Streamwood High School students Matt Pytko and Jeff Rulpsky (Civics Class assignment).

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:45 p.m.

**Acceptance of Agenda**

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

**Acceptance of Minutes**

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

**Preliminary Budget Discussion – FY2010 Accomplishments & FY2011 Goals**

Chairman McCance Packham explained the budget process and requested member input for possible future projects and activities. Wish list suggestions included membership fees, registration fees related to attendance at conferences (International, State, US/Mexican Group, Sustainable Development Committee), development of a new Sister Cities relationship with a Mexican city and the domestic violence shelter. Clerk Corral inquired about what was already in place, and the Chair advised that there are ongoing activities related to the Hanover Park School, micro-loans, bead project, scholarship, penpal program, and library project. It was noted there is interest in women's concerns and investigations are in process for short-term rentals and overnight shelter for victims of domestic violence. The Chair also detailed some of the expenses that can be expected with the development of a new Sister Cities relationship.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Gates Foundation Grant**

The Chair advised that the project submitted by HP Sister Cities Committee, although very competitive, was not nominated to be a recipient of the Gates Foundation award. However, the HP Sister Cities Committee is encouraged to apply for Phase 2 in January 2010 when additional funding and more awards will be available. Application feedback was discussed during the meeting and a summary handout was distributed. There were issues with the sections pertaining to the population and the narrative about the grant activities ("Don't assume prior knowledge.")

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Robert Atherton Memorial Service**

It was learned that Robert Atherton passed away and the memorial service is scheduled for 9/17 in Palatine. Mr. Atherton and his wife, Martha, were world travelers and started/funded the state organization. The Chair said she would be happy to attend the service and represent HP Sister Cities Committee.

**Adjournment**

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

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:59 p.m.

Minutes Approved:

Signature:  \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 13 October 2009