



**SISTER CITY COMMITTEE
Monday, March 4, 2013**

MINUTES

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 6:40 p.m.
2. **ROLL CALL:**
 - Present:* Lucy Gomez, Susan Johnston, Jimmy Mendoza, Kim Mette, Peggy Radoumis, Ted Radoumis, Mary Reed, Amanda Tomsick, Dominique Velasco, Marlene Vernava, Doris Yarwood, Charlotte Zevallos, and Manny Zevallos
 - Council Liaison:* Laurie Rios
 - Staff:* Michelle Smith, Executive Secretary to the Sister City Committee
 - Absent:* Francis Carbajal, Andrea Lopez, Marcella Obregon, Martha Villanueva
 - Excused :* Dolores Romero, Jeannette Wolfe
3. **INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS/GUESTS:**

No new members or guests were present.
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES: CHAIRPERSON SUSIE JOHNSTON**

Council Liaison Laurie Rios requested that the City of Navojoa spelling be corrected in the minutes. Michelle will correct the misspellings.
5. **COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT:**
 - The Interfaith Food Center has selected a new site. They will now be located at 11819 Burke Street in Santa Fe Springs.
 - Unemployment in Santa Fe Springs is improving. In January of 2012 the unemployment rate was 10.1%. In December 2012 the unemployment rate was down to 8.5%.
 - The Whittier Police Department was quite busy in 2012. They responded to 15,667 calls from residents and businesses.
 - The Clarke Estate has removed the grass from its reception area and replaced it with synthetic turf.
 - LACADA has a memorial garden dedicated to Doc Lopez located at their facility.
 - LACADA was the lead agency for the recent homeless headcount. They reported the following: 97 individuals volunteered to assist with the program, the 97 volunteers divided into 7 teams, \$750 was donated for supplies and materials, and 25 homeless individuals were located within the City. Many local businesses and outreach programs donated time, money, and supplies.
 - The Police Department recommends locking your cars and not leaving items in plain view from outside the vehicle. There were 23 reports of theft from cars in January.

- The Family & Human Services new program “ACTIVE” Adults Coming Together Initiating Volunteer Experience is geared towards older adults that want to volunteer their time to the community. Those interested in volunteering should call the Gus Velasco Neighborhood Center.
- Family and Human Services is now offering Income Tax Services for low income qualifying individuals.
- The Division of Library and Cultural Services First Friday March Event featured Aman Dance Educators.
- Parks & Recreation will host the City’s Annual Easter Egg Hunt on March 30 at Los Nietos Park. The Easter Egg Hunt begins at 10:00 a.m. for ages 3 to 12 years.
- On Wednesday, March 27 the parks will be conducting an Egg Dyeing craft from 3:30 to 4:30. This activity is free to participants.
- The first Santa Fe Springs Art Fest will take place on May 30th at the Clarke Estate. Michelle has flyers to hand out to the committee. The Art Fest is inviting local artist in high school, college age and adults who wish to showcase their talents.
- Laurie was sad to report that long time resident Sylvia Takata recently passed away.

6. **EXECUTIVE SECRETARY REPORT – MICHELLE SMITH**

Michelle informed the committee of the upcoming Santa Fe Springs Art Fest and handed out the flyer.

7. **TREASURER’S REPORT: SUSIE JOHNSTON**

Charlotte motioned to accept the February treasurer report. Kim seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

8. **CORRESPONDENCE:**

None.

9. **TIRSCHENREUTH & YOUNG AMBASSADORS:**

Susie announced that she created a new Sister City Committee email address. The new email address is sistercityofsf@yahoo.com.

10. **OLD BUSINESS:**

Pancake Breakfast - Charlotte asked for 10 more Pancake Breakfast tickets to sell. Susie collected some of the breakfast money from Jimmy. Kim will make arrangements with her pastor, Manny and Ted to evaluate the grills usefulness for the breakfast.

Sentsy Fundraiser - Susie extended this fundraiser for one more month.

Barona Trip Fundraiser - The trip will take place on April 22. Charlotte already has 28 confirmed participants. There is room for at least 12 more participants.

11. NEW BUSINESS:

Children's Day – April 13, 2013 - This event will take place at Heritage Park from 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m. Michelle reported that we are still waiting to hear from City staff as to whether or not fundraising groups will be needed to sell food and other items.

12. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Susie announced that there has been lots of recent police and paramedic activity on her street. She also reported that Jeannette is doing great in school.

Peggy announced that she won \$181 dollars on a penny machine and blew out the electrical in the casino in the process of winning. Go Peggy!

Ted announced that the following weekend was day light savings time...it's time to Spring forward!

Mary reported that her dog now weighs 2.5 pounds.

Doris thanked everyone that attended the Soroptimist's Quartermania fundraiser.

Amanda announced that she is still in school and training for the army.

Jimmy reported that he would be visiting Pioneer High School to promote the Young Ambassadors Association.

Kim announced that Relay For Life was looking for new committee members. She also asked committee members to pray for her dad...he is not doing well.

13. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Monday, April 8, at 6:30 p.m. at the Town Center Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Smith,
Executive Secretary