



Santa Fe Springs Sister City Committee
Town Center Hall – Meeting Room 1
Monday, March 4, 2019

1. CALL TO ORDER – Chairperson Peggy Radoumis called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Francis Carbajal
3. ROLL CALL – MICHELLE SMITH, COMMUNITY SERVICES SUPERVISOR

Members Present: Francis Carbajal, A.J. Hayes, Susan Johnston, Andrea Lopez, Marcella Obregon, Kayla Perez, Peggy Radoumis, Laurie Rios, Martha Villanueva, Jeannette Wolfe, Doris Yarwood, Charlotte Zevallos, Manny Zevallos

Members Absent: Debra Cabrera, Jacqueline Martinez, Beverly Radoumis

Staff: Michelle Smith, Community Services Supervisor/Executive Secretary

Council Liaison: Juanita Trujillo, Mayor (Absent)

Guests: Kiki Valenzuela – Sister City guest from Navojoa, Mexico
Gerardo Posos – Sister City guest from Navojoa, Mexico

4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – PEGGY RADOUMIS- CHAIRPERSON
 - New member Kayla Perez introduced herself to the committee members.
5. APPROVAL OF February 4, 2019 MINUTES*

A motion was made by Jeannette Wolfe, and seconded by Laurie Rios, to approve the amended Minutes of February 4, 2019. The motion was carried unanimously.
11. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT – PEGGY RADOUMIS
 - a. **Young Ambassadors Subcommittee Report**
 - Gerardo’s mother called Peggy Radoumis to express interest in doing an exchange with Navojoa. Housing is already taken care of. Excursions are pending. The exchange would be for 7 days.
13. ANNOUNCEMENTS – PEGGY RADOUMIS
 - Gerardo Posos shared greetings from Navojoa. Francis Carbajal suggested that they should join and pay dues to US-Mexico Sister City and look into Sister City International. Mayor Trujillo suggested they set up a conference call to get all the questions answered.

- Gerardo Posos would like to add to the agenda that the Committee discuss sending a delegation to visit Navojoa and meet the new Mayor and build on the current relationship between the two cities.
- Mayor Trujillo read an email from Marion Putnam thanking the City for the memorial plant and expressed her mother's love for the City of Santa Fe Springs.

6. COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT - Tabled due to Mayor Trujillo's absence.

7. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY REPORT – Michelle Smith

a. **Family Fun Run – Saturday, April 6 at Town Center Plaza @ 7:00 a.m.** The Annual 5K Family Fun Run will be held at Town Center Plaza on Saturday, April 6 beginning at 7:00 a.m.

b. **Art Fest – Friday, May 3 at the Clarke Estate from 3:00 – 11:00 p.m.** Art Fest will take place at the historic Clarke Estate on Friday, May 3 from 3:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.

c. **Older American Recognition Award Nominations – Michelle Smith**

Ms. Smith informed the Committee that the Older American Recognition Award is awarded to a resident who is 60 years or older and over the past ten years has been an outstanding volunteer in the community. Ms. Smith handed out nomination forms to the Committee for their consideration. The forms are due no later than March 15 to the Gus Velasco Neighborhood Center. Ms. Smith encouraged the members to fill the form out completely. This includes the section which gives the nominator the freedom to express why they believe this person is worthy of the award. This section will help to determine the winner of the award.

8. OLD BUSINESS – PEGGY RADOUMIS

a. **Fundraising Ideas**

- Casino Trips – Update – the Young Ambassadors trip to Viejas Casino on March 2, 2019 was canceled.

b. **Mary Reed Recognition – Years of Service**

Doris Yarwood brought in pictures of plaques for the Committee to consider for Mary Reed's Recognition Plaque. Discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Susie Johnston and seconded by Andrea Lopez to purchase the chosen plaque in honor of Mary Reed, not to exceed \$100.00. The motion passed unanimously.

c. **Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser** – Francis Carbajal asked all who have sold their tickets to turn in the money. Ms. Carbajal briefly reviewed the standing rules of committee members regarding quotas for Pancake Breakfast tickets. Each member must buy at least two and sell at least three tickets. There will be an assignment sheet for members to sign up for areas at the April meeting.

Supplies for the event are low, supplies were purchased to restock. Donations are being sought from committee members and outside sources. Discussion ensued regarding future supply purchases for the event. A grill will be donated by Jay Sarno. Committee is looking into using a second grill. Peggy Radoumis will contact Mr. Sarno regarding grill. Starbucks will donate all coffee and coffee

supplies. A motion was made by Jeannette Wolfe and seconded by Martha Villanueva to give four pancake breakfast tickets to Daniel from Starbucks as a thank you for his donations. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Marcella Obregon and seconded by Andrea Lopez to receive \$450 to purchase supplies for the Pancake Breakfast. The motion passed unanimously.

9. NEW BUSINESS – PEGGY RADOUMIS

a. Sister City International Convention in Texas, July 17-19, 2019 Discussion

Chairperson Radoumis reported that hotel rooms run \$300 per night. Per the standing rules, the Committee will pay for the Chairperson to attend the conference by paying for their airfare and conference registration. Discussion ensued. Chairperson Radoumis will see when the early bird registration ends.

b. Sister City Committee Standing Rules – Discussion – Peggy Radoumis

recalled the Standing Rules Sub Committee to meet and discuss changes to the current standing rules. Francis Carbajal, Andrea Lopez, Charlotte Zevallos, and Doris Yarwood will meet at Chairperson Radoumis' house on March 19 at 6:00 p.m.

c. Young Ambassador Association Standing Rules – Discussion – Peggy

Radoumis tabled discussion until next meeting. Michelle Smith provided Peggy with copies of the Young Ambassador Association Standing Rules to give to the Standing Rules Sub Committee when they meet on March 19. Michelle Smith will give Sister City Standing Rules to A.J. Hayes and Kayla Perez.

d. Sister City Committee Funds – Michelle Smith reported that if the Sister City

Committee and Young Ambassadors were to dis-ban, the Committee would be able to choose a similar organization to donate the funds to.

10. FINANCIAL REPORT* - JEANNETTE WOLFE – TREASURER

a. November/December Finance Report – nothing to report.

b. January Finance Report - The January/February financial report was passed out to committee members. Jeannette Wolfe briefly went over transactions.

Discussion ensued. A motion was made by Susie Johnston and seconded by Francis Carbajal to approve the finance report. The motion passed.

c. Bills/Invoices – Noting to report

11. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT – PEGGY RADOUMIS

a. Young Ambassadors Subcommittee Report

- The Committee received a Christmas card from Germany.

b. Navojoa Subcommittee Report – Peggy Radoumis

- There was a phone conference on Friday, February 22, 2019 with the Navojoa Sister City. Michelle Smith will send a list of things that are required in order to proceed with exchange.

- The informal Navojoa group wishes to keep separate from the City of Navojoa and is creating a non-profit organization.
- A motion was made by Susie Johnston and seconded by Andrea Lopez to recommend a minimum of five and a maximum of ten students on the exchange with Navojoa. The motion passed unanimously. Michelle Smith will forward the Committees recommendation to have an exchange with Navojoa.

12. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – MICHELLE SMITH

- a. Clothes drive to be held after City Wide Yard Sale.
- b. Presentation of Mary Reed Plaque
- c. Water and soda donation for Pancake Breakfast
- d. Fundraising ideas
- e. Sister City International Conference


13. ANNOUNCEMENTS – PEGGY RADOUMIS

- Kiki Valenzuela was married on February 22, 2019.
- The Women’s Club will be hosting Quartermania on March 10, 2019 in the Town Center Social Hall. The fee is \$15 including lunch.

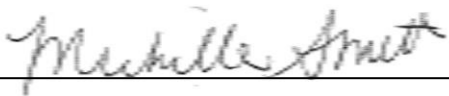
14. ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Peggy Radoumis adjourned the meeting at 7:37 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, April 8, 2019 at the Town Center Hall at 6:30 p.m.



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