

Agenda for November 2, 2011

Hayward-Ghazni Sister City Committee
Room 4A Hayward City Hall

Approval of Agenda

Approval of Minutes

Treasurers Report

- PayPal issues

OLD BUSINESS

- **Facebook Group** Anything to add?
- Status of 501 (c) 3 registration

NEW BUSINESS

- Spring 2012 Fundraiser
 - o Date:
 - o Theme: Women's Issues? Topic?
 - o Women's panel with Cheryl Jennings as moderator
 - o Role of Arif Yaqoubi and photography exhibit
 - o Publicity
- Report on Rebuild Afghanistan Summit, Oct 22, 2011 --
- Regional Sister City Issues
 - o NORCAL Conference in Orinda (October 29th).
 - Bruce's message and acceptance on NorCal board
 - Workshop on Fundraising
 - o Update SC formation initiatives (San Jose/Herat & Fremont/Kabul)

MEMBER COMMENTS

FEEDBACK ON MEETING

Next meeting to take place on Wednesday, Dec. 7, 2011, 7 pm in room 4A of City Hall

Minutes for October 5, 2011

7:08 PM

Hayward-Ghazni Sister City Committee
Room 4A Hayward City Hall

Members: Malaya Goris, Bruce Green, Stephanie Spencer, Rahima Haya, Maliha Popal, Carol Ruth Silver (by phone).

Guest: Rona Popal, executive director, Afghan Coalition

Approval of Agenda: (Motion by Mahila Popal, passed unanimously)

Approval of Minutes: (Motion by Mahlia Popal, passed unanimously)

Treasurers Report

- Shamim could not attend because of a family obligation.
- Bruce mentioned Shamim is making progress on stopping the credit card fees.
- What is our needed reserve if we postpone the fundraiser?
- The suggestion was made that it would help to have a spreadsheet showing the financial history of our committee (maybe by quarterly summaries).

OLD BUSINESS

- **Facebook Group** Anything to add? Some discussion of PayPal donation feature on our page, but this is a matter that needs to be coordinated with our treasurer.
- **Status of 501 (c) 3 registration –**
 - o According to Maliha Popal there is a possibility that Sosan Akbar can help. Sosan is a lawyer that attended our meeting on July 6, 2011.
 - o To help Sosan we need to gather what documents we have (Bill Quirk has copies?) Bruce will follow up on this.

NEW BUSINESS

- After extensive discussion concerning our Nov. 3 Fundraiser the following was decided:
 - We should postpone the fundraiser. (Motion by Malaya Goris, passed unanimously)
 - Keynote Speaker– Our preferred speakers would be Karl Eikenberry and Mo Qayoumi. It is noted that Carol Ruth Silver also recommended Humaira Ghilzai, especially as she is becoming more involved in the Ghazni 2013 planning. (Humaira is currently on a trip to Afghanistan for this purpose).
 - Preferred Dates: March 14 and 15, followed by March 7 or 8 then February 29 or March 1. (Motion by Malaya Goris, passed unanimously.)
 - Bruce will contact a merchant about carpets. (Met at Afghan-American Chamber of Commerce meeting Oct. 2.)
 - Another option for speakers, Rahima Haya has contact with Cheryl Jennings. She would also be an effective MC, and would benefit publicity for the event.

- Rebuild Afghanistan Summit, Oct 22, 2011 --
 - We will participate in the Rebuild Afghanistan Summit. Bruce will represent us. We will pay the \$90 fee before October 8. Bruce will inform Shamim. (Motion by Stephanie Spencer, passed unanimously)
 - Volunteers still needed (see website: <http://www.afghansummit.org/>)
- Regional Sister City Issues
 - NORCAL Conference in Orinda (October 29th).
Bruce will do a PowerPoint presentation about this year's exchange program with Ghazni. He will also report on the new Sister City initiatives:
 - Update SC formation initiatives (San Jose/Herat & Fremont/Kabul)
 - San Jose has shown interest and taken steps to get started. Formation chairman John Gill is making contacts.
 - Fremont is not making any progress, but Bruce hopes to change that.
 - Carol Ruth Silver commented that part of the responsibility of a Sister City Committee is to help create new organizations. She is proud that we are involved in helping this happen.

Member/Guest Comments:

Rona Popal invited everyone to attend two upcoming events:

- October 14, Friday, 4:00 pm, the grand opening of the local Afghan Women's "Community Kitchen" Microenterprise Program. This will be held at New York Pizza, 41300 Fremont, CA 94538, where the women have been using the ovens in the mornings to cook the items they will be marketing and selling through various outlets.
- October 21, Friday, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. Reception for Mrs. Suraya Sadeed, president of 'Help the Afghan Children.' She will be speaking and reading from her new book, *Forbidden Lessons in a Kabul Guest House*. At Salang Pass Restaurant, 37462 Fremont Blvd., Fremont, CA 94536.

Adjourned: (Motion by Rahima, passed unanimously) 8:47

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