

Agenda for July 11, 2012

Hayward-Ghazni Friendship City Partnership/ Sister City Committee
Room 4A Hayward City Hall

Approval of Agenda

Approval of Minutes

Treasurer's Report

OLD BUSINESS

- Roots of Peace "Pennies Campaign"

NEW BUSINESS

- The fall NorCal Sister City Conference, Fremont, Saturday October 20.
 - Social event on Friday evening October 19
- Next fundraiser scheduled for March 7, 2013, with the theme focused on celebrating Ghazni as the 2013 Asian Center of Islamic Culture.
- Ghazni 2013 trip in September/October 2013

MEMBER COMMENTS

FEEDBACK ON MEETING

Next meeting to take place on Wednesday, September 5, 2012, 7 pm in room 4A of City Hall

Please note since Ramadan is July 20–August 19, we will not have a meeting in August.

Present: Stephanie Spencer, Humaira Ghilzai, Aisha Wahab, Tawab Wahab, Maliha Popal, Arif Yaqubi, Bruce Green, Ghazala Noor, Carol Ruth Silver, Rahima Haya

Approve Agenda: Moved by Humaira, Second by Carol Ruth, approved

Approve Minutes of May 2, 2012: Moved by Humaira, Second by Carol Ruth, approved

Treasurer's Report

Hamed was not able to attend but has been helping to orient the Treasurer in Training, Ghazala Noor. Hamed passed the checkbook to Ghazala and she and Bruce have been to BoA to make the cash withdrawal to make the Western Union transfer to Afghanistan for the quarterly disbursement of funds for the Widows Literacy Program-- \$1,230 (plus \$21 fee). Current balance is \$8,753.99

Old Business

Roots of Peace Pennies Campaign. The goal of this campaign would be to raise funds for a school building in Afghanistan. This is what the Pennies Campaigns have done in the past. The Pennies Campaign (championed by Heidi Kuhn's daughter) is a fundraising effort for Roots of Peace. Since the HGSCC has not done capital building projects in Afghanistan, and was not founded with this goal, we need to understand the Pennies Campaign process better in order to decide how we might be involved and if this could be one of our priorities. The committee members felt that we don't have enough volunteer depth to take on a large time and coordination commitment at this time, and the reasons that the committee decided to focus on programs rather than capital projects are still valid in Afghanistan today. At the March 14, 2012 fundraiser, Heidi Kuhn pledged that the proceeds from the next Pennies Campaign would be dedicated to building a school in Ghazni from funds raised in the Hayward Schools. Malaya Goris reported that there was a Pennies Campaign announcement at her elementary school, and she will find out how much was raised at her school and who the organizer was.

Motion (by Carol Ruth, second by Humaira):

The HGFPC Committee is interested in gathering information about a Pennies Campaign through a meeting with Roots of Peace staff. However, we are not interested in entering a campaign for school building because the committee has not historically been involved in this type of project, and we don't have the capacity to support that type of project. We are interested in education-oriented programs.

The motion carried unanimously. In order to carry out this motion, a small group needs to be formed to meet with the Roots of Peace staff.

San Jose-Herat Sister City Organizing Initiative

A meeting to start the Herat/San Jose Sister City relationship was held on May 26 with 15 people attending, including Afghans with ties to Herat. Dr. Qayoumi and the journalism faculty at San Jose State are interested in developing this partnership. There is also support from the PRT in Herat and Afghan U.S. State Department staff

there. Bruce is working to organize another meeting before the beginning of Ramadan (7/20). Note that Sister City International dues are only assessed per city, regardless of how many sister city partnerships a given city has. For more information about the San Jose-Herat Sister City initiative, visit the Google Group at:

<https://groups.google.com/forum/#!forum/herat-san-jose-sister-city>

Bruce can also set up a Google Group for the Hayward-Ghazni partnership.

HGFCP Fundraiser

The date for the next HGFCP fundraiser will be March 7, 2013, and the theme will be to celebrate the Ghazni 2013 Asian Center of Islamic Culture commemoration. Stephanie will reserve the Rotunda.

NorCal Sister City Conference

The fall NorCal Sister City Conference will be held in Fremont on October 20. Bruce suggested that the HGFCP help to host the social event that is held the evening before the conference.

Resolution: *In support of the NorCal Sister City Conference, the GHFCP Committee authorizes the President to spend up to \$100 toward the social event on October 19, 2012.*

Moved: Carol Ruth Seconded: Humaira Vote: approved unanimously

Ghazni 2013 Trip to Afghanistan

At this time a date has not been set for the official activities. A possible time of year to hold this type of event is September/October because that would allow most of the year for preparations and still leave time before the winter makes travel impossible. The committee will continue to monitor plans in Ghazni, and make a decision about the timing of a trip (if it is possible to go) when the dates of the celebration activities are known.

Motion to adjourn was made by Humaira, seconded by Carol Ruth at 8:49.

Next meeting: July 11 (deferred one week due to the U.S. Independence Day Holiday on July 4). No meeting in August because of Ramadan.