

Hayward Ghazni Sister City Committee

Vice-Chair Carol Ruth Silver will meet the
fund raising Subcommittee at 6:00 pm immediately before the meeting.

Agenda: Wednesday May 8th, 2013, 7:00 pm in room 4A of City Hall

Approval of Agenda

Approval of Minutes

Treasurer's Report (including bank account)

OLD BUSINESS

a. **Fundraising Booth at the Asian Heritage event, Plaza of City Hall in Hayward, 2013 May 19th, Sunday.**

As committed at the last meeting we will have a Booth, **and now we need volunteers!** We will be selling Afghan hand knitted objects (we need more donations of Afghan artifacts!) Aref Yakobi will display some of his professional photos of Ghazni. And we will also be selling bottled water and sodas. A burka try-on opportunity may be offered. We will also be honored by the presence of Assemblymember Bill Quirk. **Sign up now!**

b. Further fundraising report by Hamed re Possible **concert by popular professional Afghan musicians.**

c. Report by Bruce Green, our Chair, who is in Afghanistan, via Skype or conference call. He has posted 4 videos and other things on Facebook. Please if you can look at these postings in advance.

d. **Plans for a trip to Ghazni and Afghanistan in September or October 2013** – Afghanistan arrangements being made by Bruce, Hayward list being created by Rahima Haya. Report on preliminary investigation by the Vice-Chair: Global Exchange is doing a trip to Kabul on the 1st of October, 2013, and has room for us to join that with a delegation of up to SEVEN people, at a very reasonable price. Travel to Ghazni would be separately arranged. Each person arranges their own air travel. All tentative, depending on security!!!

e. Report on setting up on web site a donation button and/or asking members to pay their dues \$5. per month by credit card with our donation button.

f. Report on progress on San Jose/Herat Sister City relationship.

g. **Report on progress on a Nokia cell phone widows literacy project** to be located in a rural village in Ghazni province, in partnership with other organizations. Looking for volunteers to start an Internet fundraising effort.

Check out: <http://www.wired.co.uk/news/archive/2012-11/14/afghan-smartphone-literacy>,

NEW BUSINESS

Possible Sister City celebration or event in Hayward to highlight the Ghazni 2013 honor of Ghazni as a center of Islamic Civilization, to coincide with celebrating the return of Bruce Green from Kabul, 18th or 19th of October, 2013

Next meeting: Wednesday June 5th, 2013, 7 pm in room 4A of City Hall

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Minutes for April 3rd, 2013

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

Attending: Hamed Nekrawesh, Rahima jan, Greg Jones, Arif Yaqubi, Carol Ruth Silver, Layma Murtaza

Called to order

7:15 P.M.

Approval of Agenda

Moved: Carol Ruth Approved: by all

Approval of Minutes

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Treasurers Report

- Hamed withdraws his suggestion to change banks. We will hold resolution until we need to change it.
- Layma went to the bank and gave the minutes to be added as a signatory and took Bill Quirk off the account.

Homaira will let Hamed know when the next payment for Ghazni is and for how much to pay.

The current Balance is \$9756.93. There may be a \$50 - \$100 discrepancy because Eva owes money that she pledged for Bruce's trip to Afghanistan.

Annual dues are \$60.

Old Business

- a) We couldn't get Bruce on skype.
- b) Late October would be the timing to go to Afghanistan
- c) People wanting to go should have filled out the form for taking responsibility for safety and security.
- d) Played movie

Report from Fundraising Sub Committee (Layma, Carol Ruth, Hamed, Rahima jan)

\$50 for a booth

\$100 for a food booth.

- ask for flyer and booth application and send to group.

Fundraising committee

- Carol motions to participate in the 36th Annual Volunteer recognition awards dinner on October 8th, 2013. HGSC also motions to nominate Hamed Nekrawesh as volunteer of the year.
- Rahima made a motion and Layma seconds. Unanimously approved.

Fundraising ideas

- Direct mail campaign
 - Creating brochures
- Participating in the Asian American Heritage Festival
- \$8 a month payments for people to contribute to fund through c/c.
- Charity Banquet
 - concert with Afghan music (Mission paradise)
- Progressive dinner/coupon book similar to living social/group on

Fundraising recommendations:

- HGSCC recommends participating in Asian American Heritage Festival on May 19th in Hayward.

Hamed makes a motion that we participate in the Asian American Heritage Festival for :

1) Food booth

- Hamed and Rahima will contact food vendors to participate.
 - o Contact Rona about Micro Enterprise program
 - o Contact Kabul Restaurant- Rahima jaan wants to call and ask
 - o Contact Maiwand Kabob Restaurant and ask if they want to participate

Greg said he would look into getting a free both in addition to the food booth.

Resolution:

- o We authorize our treasurer to pay for the booth.
- o We request a free both, however if we are not able to get a free booth we will pay \$50 for a non-food booth.

- We authorize a total of \$150 from the HGSCC bank account to pay for the booths.

Arif Yaqubi has volunteered to help with the non-food booth.

Motion made by Hamed and seconded by Rahima jaan.

Resolution:

- Hamed motions to participate with the Afghan American Council to put together a fundraising concert. This is seconded by Rahima jaan.

3rd Fundraising idea

Brochure idea: Have Arif send me a photo to put in stats. – work in progress

- Have it ready for Asian American Heritage Festival.

Report on Progress on San Jose/Heart Sister City relationship

- Professors from a Herat delegation are currently visiting the Bay Area.

New Business

Adjourned at 8:33 P.M.

Next meeting:

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Carol Ruth will meet the fundraising Subcommittee at 6:00 P.M. before the meeting.