

Sister Cities: San Diego, California – Jalalabad, Afghanistan
Luce, Forward Del Mar Office
May 12, 2004, 5:30 pm

Minutes

Attendees: Steve Brown (Chair), Chuck DuVivier, David Edick; Bashir Ghazialam, Steve Mosher, Cynthia Villis, Farid Saydee, Cameroon Jones, Al Platt, Farid Saydee, Huma Gosh, Fary Moini, Kathleen Roach-Tansey, Joan Campbell, Steve Gardality, Noorya, Sidiqi, Masood Kheberi, Masood Roashan, Abdul Qargha, Maryam Amed, Nadir Zubair, Usud Rashan

The meeting began at 5:45 pm with Steve Brown welcoming those in attendance. The master contact list was circulated for corrections and additions (see attached). Please review your contact information for accuracy; it was difficult to read a few of the entries.

Each attendee gave a brief statement regarding his or her interest in the San Diego-Jalalabad Sister Cities prospect.

Steve Brown played a 7-minute video of the development of the Rotary School near Jalalabad; he followed with a Power Point presentation of the March 2004 trip to Jalalabad that included Sister City Committee (SCC) members Fary Moini, Steve Spencer, and Farid Saydee.

Steve, Farid, Fary and Steve Spencer met with the Mayor of Jalalabad and his SCC for two hours, explaining the concept and allowing opportunity for questions and answers. The Jalalabad SCC enthusiastically supports proceeding with the relationship.

Chuck DuVivier outlined the trip that he and SCC member Steve Gardality will take imminently to Jalalabad to attend the dedication ceremony for the Afghan Women's Development Center. The Center is equipped through a Rotary Foundation Grant sponsored by the Encinitas La Costa Rotary Club. Chuck is President of that Club; Steve chairs its International Service Committee.

Steve Brown screened the graphic of the two post clocks that will be installed as the Centennial project for the La Jolla Golden Triangle Rotary Club: One clock will be at Doyle Elementary School in La Jolla and the other at the Rotary School in Jalalabad. One face of each clock will have local time and the other face will display the actual time in the location of its Sister City.

David Edick detailed the process to establish the Sister Cities relationship. The City Council's International Affairs Board has approved it; once their written report goes to the City Council, formal approval will be placed on the City Council docket, in the next 3-4 weeks.

Steve Brown reported that six candidates from Jalalabad have been selected to come to San Diego as part of Rotary's Group Study Exchange program. They will arrive this fall 2004 if they are able to obtain US Visas.

Steve also mentioned that arrangements are being worked on to bring the mayor of Jalalabad to San Diego this fall to have a ceremony consummating the Sister Cities relationship. SCC member Cynthia Villis outlined the event: A major media event, it will include a private reception, a public program with audio/visual display, and perhaps a public reception depending on cost. Cynthia advised that the University of San Diego and its Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice will host it. USD will contribute \$1,000 toward the event, \$1,000 may come from the La

Jolla Golden Triangle Rotary Club, and an additional \$2,000+ will need to be raised. The issue was raised regarding the availability of the Jalalabad Mayor during that time frame in light of the pending elections in Afghanistan. Steve B. will check into this.

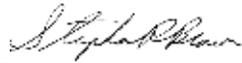
SCC member Al Platt reported that he is working on a Sister Cities Newsletter. It will be circulated occasionally to keep everyone current, and to hand to people who may be interested in joining us in the SCC.

Several SCC members updated the group on their recent travels and perspectives on life in Afghanistan.

Steve advised that information is also available on his website www.SteveBrownRotary.com

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Submitted:



Steve Brown, Acting Chairman



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