

CVIP BOARD MINUTES
Wednesday, February 11, 2009

The meeting was called to order by Vice President, Stacey Bieler at 9:30am. Thank you to the Lending Center and Every Tuesday for our lovely Valentine themed refreshments.

Attendance: Dottie Schmidt, William R. Eubank, Lillian Kumata, Carol Towl, Iris Horner, Anna Kortemeyer, Mary Barrett, Lois Park, Erika Nwankwo Larson, Lisa Homeniuk, Ann McCall, Pat Barrett, Fred Fritz, Bonnie Bankson, Carol Bryson, Jo Pamment and Stacey Bieler.

Minutes: The January minutes were approved as emailed.

Treasurer's Report, January 2009: Ann McCall

Checking Account	
Balance 1-01	\$164.28
Withdrawal Draft Acct Fee	<u>-2.00</u>
Ending Balance 1-31	\$162.28
Savings Account (Shares)	
Balance 1-01	\$1717.62
Dividend 1-31	<u>+1.46</u>
Balance 1-31	\$1719.08

Pending – not shown on statement
Church Women United check for shelving \$150.00

Administrative Services Report: William Eubank and Pat Barrett

Membership

The CVIP membership list shows more than 920 families and individuals who have participated or are now actively participating in our programs. Most of our new members have joined Friendship Family, while smaller numbers have joined Every Tuesday and the Lending Center.

Public Relations

There is likely to be a big change in the upcoming spring issue of the *CVIP Newsletter*. Nothing is certain at this point, but we hope to have a new Newsletter format with color pictures and more space for articles and pictures. And best of all, the new printing cost per issue together with postage should run about the same as the previous printing cost alone. We hope to be able to confirm this deal at our meeting next month, so wish us luck.

Please keep in mind that pictures of your program activities are going to be in demand for inclusion in the spring issue. And don't forget to keep an eye out for good human interest stories, OK?

Newsletter articles are due at the next CVIP Board Meeting, March 11, 2009.

Office

A check from Church Women United came in to the office and was forwarded to Ann McCall. Office staff (William) is waiting for the cleaning crew (Dottie and Ann) to show up to clean the office which they keep threatening to do.

Report from ISP Dean's Office: Charles Gliozzo

I. Dr. David Wiley's Reception

Dean's office is arranging a reception for Dr. David Wiley who for over 25 years committed himself to serving in an exemplary manner as Director of the African Studies Center. The national and international reputation of the Center was due to his efforts and diligence. The reception in his honor will be on February 26, between 4-6 p.m. on the third floor of the International Center. We hope that those who knew David will attend the reception.

David will be on sabbatical and then he will return to the Sociology Department in a teaching capacity.

II. Colleen Pero Designated as an NCIV Finalist

Colleen Pero, Co-chair, of the Michigan Council on Citizen Diplomacy, has been designated as one of three finalists for an Excellence in Programming Awards. The nomination comes from English Language officers and interpreters who accompany our international visitors. Colleen's programming focused on the national, state and local elections.

The finalist awardee will be announced at the NCIV Conference in Washington, D.C,

As the Executive Co-Chair of the Michigan Council on Citizen diplomacy, I re-echo the sentiments in behalf of Colleen. She exemplified "citizen diplomacy in action".

OISS Report: Nicole Namy/Peter Briggs

A flyer was circulated about Antonio Sacre's storytelling event at Red Cedar School on March 7, 2009 at 1pm. Funds are being sought so that each child can receive a copy of his book.

Did the OISS International Student Needs Assessment go out and if so did it include any CVIP questions?

Haslett A+ ESL Report: Jo Pamment

The spring semester began on Jan. 12, but we are still taking registrations. In addition, a night class was started last week. It is on Tuesday and Thurs. nights from 6 to 9. The registration fee is \$275.

The State office is restructuring adult education and our funding system. They want us to partner with various places one of which is higher education, so I hope that MSU representatives will partner with us, i.e. CVIP, OISS, VIPP.

Jo asked that CVIP members send letters asking state legislators for a delay on voting on the School Aid Act section 107 funding. Mary Barrett moved and several people seconded that a letter be sent. Jo will provide a sample letter.

VETP Report: Dottie Schmidt

No report.

VIPP Report: William Eubank

No report.

Visioning Committee: Arlene Brophy

No report

OLD BUSINESS

Web-site update: Pat Barrett

We learned this month that we can have a “working model” of the new CVIP website as soon as all of the text and pictures for all of the pages are ready to input. The committee will meet soon to determine how long it will take us to complete this work. When we have the model ready, we will ask all the Board members to inspect the website and give us feedback.

Retreat Follow-Up Report:

Video Committee will meet on Wednesday, February 18 at 8am at Flapjack Restaurant

NEW BUSINESS

PROGRAM REPORTS

Global Festival: Peggy Arbanas

No report

Scholarship: Lillian Kumata

The Scholarship Committee is meeting on February 25 with Peter Briggs, Ravi Ammigan, Arlene Brophy, Lois Parks and Lillian Kumata to discuss ways in which we can provide scholarships effectively and meet the needs of the international students.

The Visioning Committee is helping the Scholarship Committee to find ways to receive more applicants since the new regulations make our original goal of providing scholarships to spouses and in particular part time students no longer possible. Homeland Security regulations prohibit international students to be part time. This meeting is being held prior to the Visioning Committee meeting where we are expected to report our thoughts on this issue.

Every Tuesday: Mary Barrett

Every Tuesday resumed meetings January 20th when we made fleece hats and scarves. Our original plan for making fleece blankets was just too expensive. On January 27th, we celebrated the Chinese New Year by learning to cook Chinese and Korean food. On February 3rd, we had an outside expert show us how to make various kinds of chocolate candy. This person is with the MSU Extension Service. She enjoyed it so much that she volunteered to come back next year and teach cupcake decorating.

We are averaging about 10-12 ladies, 4-5 children and 6-7 volunteers. Countries represented are China, Japan, Korea, Indonesia, Hong Kong, Singapore and Mexico.

Home Visits: Lisa Homeniuk

The Haslett A+ English Language School had a big turnover in enrollment this semester so I'm going to organize another morning **Home Visit** event on **Tuesday, March 31, 2009**.

If you would like to volunteer as a host and/or driver, please let me know by e-mail at Lhomeniuk@att.net or by telephone 337-2297.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Friendship Family: Iris Horner

Another orientation was held on Sunday, February 8 for 34 new students. With 11 new families and 17 past families we managed to give all new students who attended a family. We had a full house as all 70 chairs were filled and more chairs had to be brought out.

Special thanks to Bonnie Bankson for all her database work and taking care of the registration table throughout the entire orientation, Dottie Schmidt for taking care of the punch bowl and coming early to help greet people and Mitsuko Marx for also helping with the reception, staying to clean up and taking lots of pictures.

Nicole Namy was the first to arrive and begin setting up, she led the cross-cultural part of the orientation and was the last to leave after cleaning up. We really appreciate all that Nicole does to help CVIP and the Friendship Family orientations.

New FF volunteer, Midge Morrow and I spent several hours on the phone recruiting families and then matching them with an appropriate family. I also spent many hours interviewing each new student and family by phone and emailing all the students and families, giving them details about the orientation and reminding them to attend.

We had only one student and one family who did not show up. The student was busy studying and has withdrawn (feeling overwhelmed with schoolwork). The family had an unexpected out of town funeral to attend and simply forgot to let us know. All considered, everything else went extremely well.

Speakers Bureau: Carol Bryson and Carol Towl co-chairs, Mitsuko Marx member

The Speakers Bureau continues to receive and fill speaking requests and to recruit new members, primarily at the Friday Coffee Hours. The following presentations have been made recently:

January 16: Rahman Saleem from Pakistan and Jakub Olszowiec from Poland presented to high school students in the Eaton County Youth Services program in Charlotte. (Contact: Tamiko Rotthorn)

January 16: Amancio Souza from Brazil spoke at the luncheon meeting of the Civitan Club.

February 6: Eric Bailey from Jamaica spoke to the high school students in the Eaton County Youth Services Program.

The following presentations are scheduled:

February 11: Nabil Abdullah from Yemen will talk at the Allen Senior Center in Lansing.

February 17: Muzi Yu from China will make a presentation at the Michigan Capitol Area Zonta Club.

February 18: Dwi Agus Yulianto from Indonesia will talk to the Global Perspectives group at the East Lansing Prime Time program.

February 18: Tayebah Yazdani from Iran will meet with the International Interest Group of the MSU Community Club. (Contact: Lillian Kumata)

February 25: Several international students will meet with Girl Scouts from Holt.

March 6: Kingdom Kwapata will speak to the Pioneer Civitan Club

In March we expect to provide a number of speakers and performers for Holt High School's Foreign Language Week. We have also been invited to participate in Culture Night at the Wexford Magnet School.

On Thursday, February 12, Speakers Bureau members will meet at 5:30 p.m. in the International Center for an orientation/get-together. We hope to have a sharing of experiences among those speakers in attendance, and we have invited an area teacher to join us, as well as our transportation providers.

Lending Center: Erika Nwankwo Larson

No report

Leadership: Fred Fritz

No report

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The CVIP Executive Committee will meet on a regular basis between the CVIP Board meetings.

DATES TO REMEMBER

CVIP Board Meeting: Wednesday, March 11, 2009. Refreshments at 9am and meeting begins at 9:30am.

ISP Awards Ceremony: Wednesday, April 1, 2009. 3-5pm, Third floor, Delia Koo International Center

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