

**CVIP BOARD MINUTES**  
**Wednesday, December 9, 2009**

The meeting was called to order by President, David Horner. Refreshments were provided by the Administrative Services Committee. The Board thanks them.

**Attendance:** David Horner, Dottie Schmidt, Peggy Arbanas, Stacey Bieler, Mary Barrett, Pat Barrett, Lillian Kumata, Carol Towl, Nicole Namy, Ann McCall, Marion Chapman, Yi-tsen (Ashley) Wu, Carol Bryson, Takako Tabata, Jo Pamment, Bonnie Bankson, Iris Horner and Arlene Brophy.

**Announcements:** Jo Pamment is now a member of the Haslett/Okemos Rotary Club and she is selling tickets for their "Be a Hero for a Day" luncheon. Tickets are \$20.

At the end of today's business portion of our meeting we will have a presentation given by Barbara Roberts Mason, Chairperson of the Lansing Regional Sister Cities Commission.

**Secretary's Report:** Dottie Schmidt

The November minutes were approved as emailed.

**Treasurer's Report, November 2009:** Ann McCall

Savings Account (Shares)

11-01 Balance	1372.88
11-30 Dividend	_____ .28
11-30 Ending Balance	1373.16

Percentage yield is .25% from November 1 through November 30, 2009

Checking Account

11-01 Balance	911.85
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No checks were written

11-30 Ending Balance	911.85
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## **Administrative Services Report:**

**Membership:** Pat Barrett

CVIP active membership stands at about 850 families and individuals. If you have new volunteers in your program/committee, please submit their names to Pat Barrett for inclusion on the CVIP Membership List. Thank you!

**Office:** Pat Barrett

Bill Eubank will be traveling in China for the remainder of December. Pat Barrett will staff the office until Bill's return on January 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Public Relations:** Stacey Bieler

Stacey Bieler reported that an MSU Journalism student, Hyojoo Lee, interviewed her for an article which appeared on the MSU e-newspaper on December 4, 2009. The link to the full article is at <http://www.thebiggreen.net/category/global-view/>

**Leadership:** Fred Fritz

**Visioning Committee:** Arlene Brophy

The Visioning Committee met on Monday, December 7. This year the Committee will be looking at how changes at MSU and future expected OISS student populations might impact CVIP. The Committee plans to review Ron Whitmore's structural recommendations for CVIP that he made to the Visioning Committee in October, 2007.

The Visioning Committee is recommending to CVIP that a marketing committee be created. The Committee is also discussing the possibility of a pilot project where CVIP adopts a small number of international undergraduate students, and works to connect them with the community. Peter will work on this between now and the next Committee meeting, and this pilot project discussion will continue at the next Visioning Committee meeting.

The video project led by Tamiko Rothhorn is talking to a new videographer who might possibly make the video. Nicole is now working with MSU students on the brochure project that was led by Marc Thomas last year.

The Committee's next meeting will be held in mid to late January.

Note: It was recommended to Arlene that she contact Cheryl Highstreet as someone who understands and could review Ron Whitmore's structural recommendations for CVIP made in 2007. Cheryl was president of CVIP at that time.

**Report from ISP Dean's Office:** No report

**OISS Report:** Nicole Namy/Peter Briggs

OISS is interviewing for a new advisor who has technical skills that include visa regulations.

New students coming for Spring Semester will mostly be graduate student transfers from other universities. One hundred to 150 are expected.

OISS is sponsoring a trip to a Pistons game on Friday, January 29, 2010. They are also looking at the possibility of renting Munn Ice Arena for a day of ice skating.

**Haslett A+ ESL Report:** Jo Pamment

Our classes will be on break from December 18 through January 4<sup>th</sup>. We are currently registering students for the next semester beginning January 19<sup>th</sup>. Our child care program is already full.

A couple of people have asked to volunteer for our program, and I'm looking at starting some conversation groups for an hour one or two afternoons a week at our site to give the students much needed practice. If you know of someone who would like to volunteer to lead a conversation group please let me know.

**VETP Report:** Dottie Schmidt No report.

**VIPP Report:** William Eubank No report.

**Church Women United:** Marion Chapman

Church Women United is sponsoring a free concert called "Music Around the World" to be held at Peoples Church in East Lansing on Monday, December 14, 2009 at 1pm.

**Executive Committee:** David Horner

There was no Executive Committee meeting held in December.

**OLD BUSINESS**

CVIP Board, Committee and Program job descriptions (What if I were hit by a truck?) are due at the January 13 Board meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS**

CVIP goals for Spring Semester will be discussed in January.

**PROGRAM REPORTS**

**Global Festival:** Lillian Kumata

The Global Festival Gift Shop sales went very well and the sales totaled \$5809.95. Thanks to all of you who helped in the Gift Shop. We reduced prices on items that we have had for a few years in the Gift Shop and we were able to move those items well. I hope everyone enjoyed working in the Gift Shop and had fun.

With the increase in tuition costs and the need seemingly greater, I am hoping all of you will help us by telling your friends about donating international items for the Gift Shop. Do remember that this is not a garage sale but a sale with very nice items to raise funds for scholarships. It is wonderful that we receive so many great items but unfortunately we also receive items that are not appropriate for sale in our gift shop. We do accept gifts all year around and we have a convenient place to store the items. We need items to sell for next year.

This project takes the cooperation and help of a lot of people. Thank you to all of you who have worked so hard, not only on the day of the sales but for the many months of preparation in which you spent many hours. We hope you will be able to meet the recipients of the CVIP Scholarships at our May luncheon.

**Lending Center:** Erika Nwankwo Larson No report

**Scholarship:** Lillian Kumata

The Scholarship Committee will be interviewing applicants for the Spring 2010 semester. Due to the large number of applications, we will be interviewing on December 9 and December 11. We received 19 applications out of which 14 qualified. We also received numerous e-mail and phone inquiries. We hope you will be able to meet the recipients at our May luncheon.

The Youngers Community Day coupon booklet sales totaled \$535. Thanks to all of you who helped with the sales of the coupon booklets. We sold more booklets this year.

**Every Tuesday:** Christine Van Nada No report

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

The first meeting of the Speakers Bureau Advisory Committee was held on November 16 in the International Center. A meal was generously provided by OISS. Those attending were Barbara Sawyer-Koch (former MSU trustee and Speakers Bureau driver), Susan Seyfarth (Holt elementary school teacher), Mary Hennessey (East Lansing Library), Alicia Trotman (Speakers Bureau member and LATTICE staff), Eric Bailey (Speakers Bureau), Mitsuko Marx, Nicole Namy and the two of us. Two members, Kathy Bossen and Mindy Emerson, were unable to attend. Discussion centered on ways to reach teachers and to make CVIP and the Speakers Bureau better known to schools. Also we decided to prepare a statement for teachers, which would indicate what we expect of

them when they ask for and are assigned a speaker. The advisory group will meet again during the second term.

Another first in November was the Speakers Bureau meeting where two speeches were given, one by Dwi Yuliantoro on Indonesia and another by Kingdom Kwapata on Malawi. Both speeches were well done but different in style, thus giving other speakers two good examples. Our next meeting in January will include speakers from Malaysia and the Kyrgyz Republic.

Several student speakers made presentations in November. Two students from Taiwan spoke at the Eaton County Day Treatment Program in Charlotte; two couples from India presented at the Allen Community Center; and a student from the Kyrgyz Republic met with the International Interest Group of the MSU Community Club. Because of final exams and the upcoming holidays, the only speaking engagement in December will be at the Allen Community Center where a student from Somalia will present.

**Home Visits:** Lisa Homeniuk No report

**Friendship Family:** Iris Horner

Things have been relatively quiet this past month. We placed two students for the Thanksgiving holiday. One of them received a “mini-orientation” as the family took her on as a FF student. The other, a male from China joins 5 other students now waiting for an orientation and family to be assigned in February 2010.

We anticipate a need for about 25 new families for next February’s orientation.

After that, the program will be put on HOLD until a replacement coordinator or alternative way of running the FF program can be arranged.

### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

- OISS Coffee Hour – Every Friday 4-6pm
- Social Networking Workshop – Friday, January 8, 2010 9-10:30am MSU Main Library, Beaumont Room
- CVIP Board Meeting – January 13, 2010 Refreshments by Jo Pamment and Anna Kortemeyer 9-9:30am Business meeting 9:30am...University Lutheran Church