

**CVIP BOARD MINUTES**  
**Wednesday, February 17, 2010**

The meeting was called to order by President, David Horner. Refreshments were provided by the Every Tuesday and the Lending Center Programs.

**Attendance:** David Horner, Dottie Schmidt, Stacey Bieler, Lillian Kumata, Peggy Arbanas, Ann McCall, Carol Bryson, Bonnie Bankson, Erika Nwankwo Larson, Midge Morrow, Christine Van Nada, Mary Barrett, Pat Barrett, Iris Horner, Arlene Brophy, Kathy Bossen, Lisa Homeniuk and Fred Fritz.

**Announcements:** We were happy to greet Kathy Bossen, a new helper with the Speakers Bureau Program. Kathy used to teach at the Haslett English Program and then at Okemos Public Schools. She is now retired.

Isaac Kalumbu, who has been helping in the CVIP office, has made 3 CDs of his music. See Pat Barrett for more information.

**Secretary's Report:** Dottie Schmidt

The secretary's report was accepted as emailed.

**Treasurer's Report, January 2010:** Ann McCall

Savings Account (Shares)

01-01 Balance     \$1373.45

01-31 Dividend           .29

Ending Balance     \$1373.74

Percentage yield is .25% from January 1 though January 31, 2010

Checking Account

01-01 Balance                     \$911.85

01-29 Account fee draft 000968     -20.00

01-31 Ending Balance                 \$891.85

\$20 was spent to register CVIP as a Michigan non-profit organization.

## **Administrative Services Report:**

**Membership:** Pat Barrett

**Office:** Pat Barrett and William Eubank

**Public Relations:** Stacey Bieler and Pat Barrett

Articles for the Spring 2010 CVIP Newsletter are due on Wednesday, March 10. Please send them to me at [jsbie@earthlink.net](mailto:jsbie@earthlink.net). Have you taken any great pictures we could use?

Please note that ISP has made a change in the CVIP website address (URL).

Our former address (#1) [www.isp.msu.edu/cvip](http://www.isp.msu.edu/cvip) has been changed to a simpler form (#2) [cvip.isp.msu.edu](http://cvip.isp.msu.edu). A shortcut form (#3) [cvip.msu.edu](http://cvip.msu.edu) may be used to get to #2, the official address, and it is OK to use it.

Right now, ISP has it fixed so that using #1 or #3 will get you to #2. However, **it is recommended that from now on, only #2 ([cvip.isp.msu.edu](http://cvip.isp.msu.edu)) be used on all letterheads, communications, and the like.** Please keep this in mind when ordering new stationery, envelopes, etc.

It has come to my attention that the list of recipients of the Homer Higbee Award found on the ISP website is not complete. I intend to add an accurate list of Higbee awardees to the "About CVIP" section of the CVIP website in the near future. I will also try to get the ISP list corrected soon.

In case you wish to see a current directory of the CVIP Board (with names, phone numbers and email and mailing addresses), you may **download** this from the "Board Member Page" on our website. The User ID = CVIPBd and the Password = CVIPBd12C (note that both are case sensitive).

Please let me know if you have any questions about the address change or other matters concerning our website.

**Leadership:** Fred Fritz No report.

**Visioning Committee:** Arlene Brophy

The CVIP Visioning Committee met on Monday, February 1 at 8am. We have two new members: Eric Bailey and Sarah Bannon. Three members from the Committee (Sarah Bannon, Tamiko Rothorn and Marc Thomas) have become part of a Marketing group, and these members will meet to discuss furthering the idea of the Marketing group. The Committee's next meeting will be on March 31.

(Secretary's note): Eric Bailey and Sarah Bannon attended the February 1 Visioning Committee meeting and they were unanimously accepted as new Visioning Committee members by the Board at the February 17<sup>th</sup> meeting.

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

Peter Briggs and/or Nicole Namy will report on the ISP Dean's Office in future.

**OISS Report:** Nicole Namy/Peter Briggs No report

**Haslett A+ ESL Report:** Jo Pamment No report

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

**VIPP Report:** William Eubank No report

**Church Women United:** Marion Chapman No report

**Executive Committee:** David Horner

## **OLD BUSINESS**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Our educational program today will be take a collective and creative look at the organization and structure of the Friendship Family Program as it is constituted now and how it might look in the future. With the transition of leadership in this program, we have the opportunity to look at other models and resources we have or need to develop within our community. Part of this discussion will also center on sharing resources with OISS.

## **PROGRAM REPORTS**

**Global Festival:** Lillian Kumata

The Scholarship Committee has no report except to let you know that the expensive amber necklace that I was trying to sell at the Gift Shop has been sold. It was not due to my modeling it. We have added \$1000 to the scholarship fund.

We welcome such generous donations of items. Remember the Gift Shop when spring cleaning or downsizing.

**Lending Center:** Erika Nwankwo Larson

Our supplies are way down and for a while we were completely out of lamps but some things are showing up again. We do need lamp shades!

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**Every Tuesday:** Christine Van Nada

Every Tuesday has fewer attendees this semester but we still have a nice variety of countries and cultures represented. We were recently treated to a program of classical Indian dance and some very nice Indian cuisine.

**Speakers Bureau:** Carol Bryson and Carol Towl co-chairs, Mitsuko Marx and Kathy Bossen members

The Speakers Bureau is becoming more active now that we are into the second semester. Two speakers, Rahul Rane and his wife Priya, talked about traditional arranged marriages at the January 20 meeting of the International Interest Group of the MSU Community Club. February 10, today, a student from South Africa will present at the Allen Senior Center. February 11, Isabel Laczkovich from Germany will talk to the students in the Eaton County Day Treatment Program. Three students from Indonesia have agreed to make presentations on February 19 at the World Culture Day at Three Fire Middle School in Howell, and Mamy Rakotondravelo from Madagascar will be presenting February 17 at the Meridian Senior Center.

We received a request recently from a teacher in the Lowell Schools. She wanted 10 speakers for morning classes. Because of the distance to Lowell, the early hour of the classes, and the fact that it would be spring break at MSU, we will probably have to decline to fill this request. We have previously declined requests from Grand Rapids and East Grand Rapids. Requests that we are trying to fill include the following:

February 23, World Thinking Day Program of the Girl Scouts in Holt

March 5, Accelerated Reading Program, Sycamore School in Holt

Week of March 15, Potterville Elementary School

April 16, One World Day at Haslett High School – 31 speakers requested

February and March meetings of the International Interest Group of the MSU Community Club

A “Speak Out!” event was held on January 21 with talks by Chen Chen Wang from China and Norseha Unin from Malaysia. Our next “Speak Out!” will be February 25 at 6 p.m. on the third floor of the Center for International Programs. Also on February 8 members of the Speakers Bureau Advisory Committee held their second meeting of the

academic year in Room 302 of the Center for International Programs. Members attending were Mary Hennessey, Susan Seyfarth, Kathy Bossen, Alicia Trotman, Eric Bailey, Nicole Namy, Mitsuko Marx, Carol Towl and Carol Bryson. Discussion centered on ways to introduce the Speakers Bureau to area teachers and to show how international speakers can meet educational objectives in the curriculum.

**Home Visits:** Lisa Homeniuk

I took an informal survey of CVIP Board members, and the Haslett A+ English Language School staff regarding a possible date for the next Home Visits. **Wednesday, March 31** is the next Home Visits date, and from that survey, I already have a few participants.

Isolde Jamison, a teacher from the Haslett School, will take responsibility for organizing students into groups for the visits. I will focus on recruiting community volunteers during February and March. To accommodate around sixty school participants, we'll need at least 10 host families and several drivers.

**Friendship Family:** Iris Horner

A Friendship Family Survey was sent out by email to 291 families on February 4 and 5<sup>th</sup>. The other 20 families who have no email will receive it by regular postal mail later this week. As of 7:00 pm Tuesday evening, Feb. 9<sup>th</sup>, 42 responses have been received. This survey generated 18 families who are willing to take a new student in the fall of 2010 and two who will welcome a new student this month.

Another 20 families have said maybe later when their current students are gone or their family circumstance has improved. Only 2 are not willing to take a new student and one of the two is because they have moved. A few memorable experiences were shared and a couple ideas for finding new families were suggested.

Our next orientation will take place on Sunday afternoon, February 21<sup>st</sup>. We are busy looking for families and talking with the 20 students who have applied for a Friendship Family.

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

- **CVIP Newsletter Articles due Wednesday, March 10, 2010** Send to Stacey Bieler
- CVIP Executive Committee Meeting – Wednesday, March 3, 2010 9:30am University Lutheran Church
- CVIP Board Meeting – March 10, 2010 Refreshments by Speakers Bureau 9-9:30am; Business meeting 9:30am...University Lutheran Church
- ISP Awards Ceremony – Wednesday, March 24, 2010 3:30-5pm Spartan Stadium Club
- Home Visits – Wednesday, March 31, 2010 9-11:15am
- CVIP Visioning Committee Meeting - Wednesday, March 31, 2010 8am