

**COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS FOR INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS  
(CVIP)**

September 8, 2010

**Minutes**

2<sup>nd</sup> draft 9-12-10

President David Horner convened the meeting at 9:35 am.

Present: David Horner, Iris Horner, Cheryl Highstreet, Dottie Schmitt, Peggy Arbanas, William Eubank, Carol Towl, Bonnie Bankson, Stacy Bieler, Fred Fritz, Midge Morrow, Christine Van Nada, Nicole Namy, Dasha Shamrova, Pam Sievers, Lisa Homeniuk, Jo Pamment, Mitsuko Marx .

Welcome to Pam, Dasha, and Mitsuko. Peggy provided an update on Lillian's recovery. Thanks to Administrative Group for providing refreshments

Minutes from June 2010 reviewed and approved.

Obituaries of Annabel Larzelere and Madeline Holben were passed around. A news clipping recognizing Lillian's work with the Red Cross was highlighted as well.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

**June, July and August 2010**

Savings Account	
6-01-10 Balance Forward	1124.67
6-30-10 Dividend	.23
7-31-10 Dividend	.24
8-17-10 Donation from Church Women United	150.00
8-31-10 Dividend	<u>.25</u>
8-31-10 Ending Balance	275.39

Percentage yield: .25% from June 1 to August 31, 2010

Checking Account	
6-01-10 Balance Forward	1516.85
6-15-10 Donation from August G. Benson	<u>20.00</u>
8-31-10 Ending Balance	1536.85

*Dottie Schmidt*

**Fall CVIP Retreat**

Date: September 17  
Place: Hannah Community Center, Room 211  
Time: 8:00am to 1:00 pm (including lunch)

## PROGRAM REPORTS

**Every Tuesday:** Every Tuesday held a picnic in August, in cooperation with the International Spouse Connection. Hosted by Barbara Toman and family, it was attended by several international women with their husbands and children. The first ET meeting of the year will be September 21. Flyers and posters are being distributed at this time.

*Christine Van Nada, ET co-chair*

**Home Visits:** Next event is November 9<sup>th</sup>.

*Lisa Homeniuk*

**Global Festival:** November 21<sup>st</sup> Peggy is seeking helpers to sort donations and for paper boxes with lids.

*Peggy Arbanas*

**International Friendship Program:** Some changes have occurred with the "Friendship Family Program" during the past few months. The first change is our new name: International Friendship Program (*IFP*). It seems that many single, divorced, widowed etc. people felt that they shouldn't apply when they saw "Family" included in the name. Because of this name change we've already received four volunteer applications from single people who were looking through our website.

Iris worked with this program for over 5 years and felt that it's time for others to take over due in part to other CVIP commitments and parental care needs. Last spring, there were several people who stepped forward to offer assistance with recruiting new friendship volunteers, to help with marketing, database etc.

Focus meetings were held in May and June and it seemed we had a new coordinator. However, that person has recently had to withdraw due to health problems. In order to utilize the energy from the new IFP volunteers, Wendy Sylvester-Rowan and Iris Horner along with Midge Morrow and Cindy Walter will be working together to keep the program going at least through the first orientation scheduled for September 26, 2010. Bonnie Bankson will continue to keep the database updated.

Others offering assistance to the IFP are: Rick and Amy Oldejeans, Larry Karnes, Aaron Hoffman, Teri Walters, and Jeanne Williams.

*Iris Horner*

**Lending Center:** Already, we have been EXTREMELY busy this year. We have taken in 10 vanloads of donations just from Jennifer New and Crew at MSU of the Department of Communication Arts and Sciences. We have stocked, signed out, cleaned, sorted, and stocked again over and over. We are just so happy to have the back room overflowing so we can restock. Since the official opening August 17, we have had no less than 12 and no more than 31 visitors during our open hours; we have had 4 workers per opening, and we usually stay one hour longer than the posted hours. I believe the best way to reach all the new students each new semester in the future will be to give the Lending Center information to the students as they sign out their apartment key. All these other ways we have tried are hit or miss, and I really do want to reach all of them - all the best to everyone at the meeting.

*Erika Larson*

**Scholarship Program:** Iris passed out The Younkers Community Day Coupon fundraiser booklets that Lillian has always promoted. Each member is asked to sell 5 booklets.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Administrative Services:** *No Report*

**Executive Committee:** *No report*

**Leadership:** *No report*

**Membership:** *No Report*

**Office:** *No report*

**Public Relations:** *No Report*

**Visioning:** *No Report*

## ADJUNCT REPORTS

**Church Women United:** *No report*

**A+ English Language School/Okemos Adult Education, English As A Second Language, ABE and GED:** We are no longer the Haslett ESL Program, but are now part of Okemos Community Education. I have been busy working with this transition over the past few months and am excited about working with Okemos Community Ed. They have a vision which we share, and I am happy that there will be a future for our program.

School officially started yesterday, and the ESL classes are filling fast, we already have closed some, and a waiting list is started, and we are starting up a GED program in the afternoons.

We continue to work with the new structure for the Transformation of Adult Education in Michigan and will keep you posted on the upcoming progress. *Jo Pammeter*

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

**International Spouse Connection:** The groups has been going to places such as Antique Malls, Lansing City Center, Parks, etc. *Cheryl Highstreet*

**OISS Report:** Approximately 1,400 new students went through orientation; this number was slightly down from last year. 2/3 of the new students were admitted provisionally because of language deficiencies. In 2005 we had 40 Chinese undergrads; last year MSU had 1293. OISS is noticing more age related issues and studying the impact of this young demographic on programs and delivery systems. *Nicole Namy*

**VETP Report:** *No report.*

**VIPP Report:** *No report*

## CVIP BOARD BUSINESS

Final Draft of *CVIP CODE OF ETHICS* distributed

Draft of *CVIP Volunteer Opportunities* sheet distributed – Iris noted one correction: change “*meet 3-5 times a month*” to “*semester.*”

New CVIP tag line reviewed: *CVIP Connects Cultures and Community*

**REMINDER** - Send to Pat Barrett to post on the CVIP web-site

Meeting adjourned at 11:09 am.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

September 10 – OISS Coffee Hour – 4:00 – 6:00 Crossroads, International Center

September 12 – Hannah Community Center 4 – 6 pm “East Lansing Welcomes the World Event” Community members interested in participating in the event are asked to RSVP to Marie McKenna at (517) 319-6881.

<http://www.cityofeastlansing.com/NewsReleases/articleType/ArticleView/articleId/618/Community-Ambassadors-Sought-for-East-Lansing-Welcomes-the-World-Event/>

September 17 – Retreat – Hannah Community Center, Room 211 – 8:00 – 1:00 (including lunch)

September 26 – International Friendship Program (IFP) Orientation

October 6 – Executive Committee

October 13 – Board Meeting – Global Festival

November 3 – Executive Committee

November 9 – Home visits

November 4-5 NAFSA Regional Meeting – Detroit

November 10 – Board Meeting – International Friendship Program (IFP)

November 21 – Global Festival

December 1 – Executive Committee

December 8 – Board Meeting – Home Visits

Respectfully submitted,

Fred Fritz  
Secretary

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