

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

May 11, 2011

Coffee and Tea preceded the meeting beginning at 9:00 am.

Dasha Shamrova, OISS intern and master's degree student, offered her capstone presentation at 9:15 am.

President David Horner **convened** the meeting at 9:50 am.

Present: David Horner, Iris Horner, Mary Barrett, Carol Towl, Christine Van Nada, Cheryl Highstreet, Erika Larsen, Nicole Namy, Dasha Shamrova, Peggy Arbanas, Kathy Bossen, Lisa Homeniuk, Lillian Kumata, Pam Sievers, Bonnie Bankson, Barb Sawyer-Koch, Marion Chapman, and Dottie Schmidt.

Jo Pamment remarked that she was sorry the A+ English Language School Graduation and Luncheon coincided with our luncheon. It was the Okemos Superintendent who set the date of their event. She also stated that the school may be moving to the vacant Wardcliff School building but she doesn't know for sure if or when.

Introductions/Announcements

Agenda Review

MINUTES from April 2011 approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: April 2011

Accounts at MSU Federal Credit Union

Savings Account

4-01-11 Balance Forward	1277.23
4-30-11 Dividend	<u>.26</u>
4-30-11 Ending Balance	1277.49

Percentage yield: .25% from March 1, 2011 through March 31, 2011

International Friendship Program Account

4-01-11 Balance Forward	475.00
4-30-11 Ending Balance	475.00

Checking Account	4-01-11 Balance Forward	1061.85
	4-27-11 (MI non-profit fee)	20.00
	4-30-11 Ending Balance	1041.85

Expenses paid by OISS on CVIP's behalf – April 2011

No report yet.

A question was asked about the money that was promised to us by the College of Agriculture for our participation in entertaining the Iraqis who visited last summer. The

money has not been deposited yet. Erika moved and Christine seconded that the Treasurer's report be accepted. Motion carried. *Dottie Schmidt*

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

Iraqi visitors – June 29--September 3

David Horner

Twenty five Iraqi visitors will arrive on June 29. Fifteen will visit Engineering and 10 are involved with Agriculture. Two or three are women and the rest are men. They will be living at the Gateway Inn near the corner of Grand River Ave and Hagadorn Road. Because their visit is during the month of Ramadan, food may be a problem as some or all of the visitors may not eat or drink from sun rise to sun set. It is hoped that 2-3 Americans will interact with each Iraqi. Our goal is to interact often. Because of the larger number than last year, transportation will be more of a problem and it is anticipated that organizing other events will be more difficult. A plan to attend a Lugnuts game on July 4 is being discussed. A sign up sheet was circulated for people to sign if they wish to be involved with the Iraqi visitors.

50th Anniversary preparations

Barb Sawyer-Koch

Four or five meetings have been held so far. The date is October 2 from 3-5 pm at the Hannah Community Center. MSU President Simons will attend as well as Samir Singh. A draft resolution is being put forward to the State Senate to recognize CVIP's 50th year. It is hoped that area restaurants will be willing to donate food. Our celebration will be held in conjunction with East Lansing's "East Lansing Welcomes the World" celebration. Kiwanis clubs may also take part. Assign up sheet was circulated for those who want to become involved.

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David Horner

The application is almost finished except for information related to the financial support given by OISS over the last several years. Our application may be reviewed by an attorney who has some experience with these applications.

CVIP Office coverage

There will be no office coverage during the summer. Pat will check the mail and messages from time to time. However, if anyone wants to use the space they may also check the mail and messages. Nicole has the parking permits with her today so anyone who needs one should see Nicole. A question was asked about who controls and how can reservations be made for the table and space just outside the CVIP office. It was noted that a library type magazine rack is in this space and we should put our brochures and other literature there for anyone who comes when the office is not open. Also, a notice should be put up indicating that the Lending Center will be closed during the summer except for (a) people making returns (b) newly arriving people (c) people wishing to donate items. In these cases you may call Erika and she will arrange to open the Lending Center. Regular Center hours will resume on August 16.

ACTION ITEMS:

- CVIP Program and Committee Reports
- Option to share a story or particular issue that was not included in your written report

PROGRAM REPORTS

Every Tuesday: Every Tuesday has not had any meetings since the end-of-semester potluck on April 4. However, we do plan a field trip to the MSU gardens on May 17, for those still in town. Attendance at that event will help determine whether we plan additional summer events. *Christine Van Nada, ET co-chair*

Home Visits: Lisa introduced us to Erin Boland who stopped by to meet us. She will be taking over Home Visits as Lisa moves on to other responsibilities like co-chairing the Global Festival. *Lisa Homeniuk*

Global Festival: *No Report.* *Peggy Arbanas*

International Friendship Program: April was a busy planning month as we look to next year. Our goal is to serve more students in 2011-2012 and provide more group social opportunities for our students and the friends/ families.

Dates and plans we have developed:

- Saturday, Sept 10 - Tailgate party at football game (tentative) – exploring to see if we can find an existing corporate tent to partner with.
- Sunday, Oct 2 - Welcome the World – use to promote and recruit friends.
- Friday, Oct 7 - deadline for student applications.
- Sunday, Oct 23 – Orientation.

We are also exploring promoting the program through presentations at area Rotary meetings and we discussed having an information booth at the Folk Festival. Lisa will look into this. *Pam Sievers & Midge Morrow*

Lending Center: Jennifer New and Crew have recently sent out the plea for donations to the Lending Center. Their drive will run from April 29 through August 19, 2011. I will forward a copy of her notice to you to read for yourself and include what you feel should be included in my report. I think her wording is particularly effective. *Erika Larson*

Scholarship Program: On April 21, the Scholarship Committee, Carol Bryson, Christine Van Nada, Lois Sollenberger and Lillian Kumata met at Lois' home to discuss procedures for interviews and other issues. The deadline for the scholarship applications was April 15. There were 10 applications with two not qualifying. Lillian made copies and distributed them to the committee members on April 21. We did not discuss the applications but everyone was told to read them before the interviews.

Interviews were held on May 3 for the eight applicants. Carol Bryson, Christine VanNada and Lillian Kumata interviewed the students. There 2 from India, 2 from China, 1 from Korea, 1 from Turkey 1 from Pakistan and 1 from Nigeria. Applications were discussed after the interviews but since we did not have time to finalize the recipients we had a three way phone call was held. Two applicants were chosen: Hope Akaze from Nigeria and Emine Gumus from Turkey.

Awardees from Fall, 2010 and Spring 2011 were invited to the May luncheon.

Lillian Kumata

Speakers Bureau: Activities since the April 13 CVIP Board Meeting:

April 20: Juan Carlos Roya Pabon from Colombia gave a presentation about the coffee industry in his home country for 14 women from the International Interest Group of the MSU Community Club. He demonstrated how coffee is brewed in Colombia, and served samples of the coffee. Juan is the spouse of a short-term faculty member at MSU.

April 22: For two groups of high school students at Eaton County Day Treatment Center, Isabel Laczkovich from Germany gave presentations about the European Union, and Harun Armagan spoke about his homeland, Turkey.

April 28: Raju Arumugham from India gave a presentation for a small group at the Meridian Senior Center. HOM TV (Meridian Township government TV) filmed part of his presentation and conducted a brief interview with him.

May 2: A year-end appreciation pizza dinner was offered for all international students who made presentations this year, as well as transportation providers. The 14 attendees enjoyed sharing stories from their Speakers Bureau experiences. They also offered some suggestions for a new name for Speakers Bureau that would attract more international student participation and more requests for speakers by teachers and community members.

May 4: Isabel Laczkovich was scheduled to speak to the Senior Citizens at Allen Center about the European Union, but had to cancel because of illness. We hope to be able to re-schedule this presentation for June 1. Mitsuko Marx provided a substitute program at the last minute, talking with the Seniors about her trip to Japan during Fall Semester and about first-hand information she gets from friends and relatives about the earthquake, tsunami and long-term problems they brought to Japan.

Requests continue to come in after the close of Spring Semester. Nicole is arranging to take a few students to Whitehills Elementary School for their International Picnic on May 16. Another group will go to Radmoor Montessori School for their International Night on May 20. We are also working with Beth Revers, a librarian in DeWitt, to take a few students to the library in support of their summer reading program.

Also forwarded below, is Nicole's message to international students and other participants in the Speakers Bureau about changing the name of our committee to something with more "audience appeal." We'd appreciate YOUR thoughts and suggestions, as well!

Speakers Bureau participants-

During our end-of-year dinner, we discussed the possibility of changing the name of "Speakers Bureau" to something that attracts more students and interests the community in using our program. Below are some the names that were discussed. I also plugged in words in "Wordle" and it gave me a whole list of ideas as well- if you haven't used wordle, check it out: <http://www.wordle.net/create>. Thoughts? Which do you prefer?

Possible Names: Global Experience; Cultural Exchange; Global Speakers Community; Experience the World; Global Community; Global Explorer; The World In; International Speakers Community; or Speakers Bureau.

Let me know your thoughts as we'd like to create a marketing plan during the summer for fall implementation. Thanks, Nicole

Carol Towl & Kathy Bossen, co-chairs, & Mitsuko Marx, Nicole Namy & Dasha Shamrova, Liaisons to OISS

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive Committee: *No Report.*

David Horner

Leadership: *No Report.*

Iris Horner

Membership: CVIP membership stands at about 870 families and individuals. The updating of the master list is on-going, so please continue to send any changes in your program membership to Pat Barrett. Thanks!

Pat Barrett

Office: The CVIP Office is open either in the morning or in the afternoon of each week day.

Bill Eubank retired from the position of Office Manager at the end of March and has traveled to China to pursue a new career there. Pat Barrett was appointed to replace him. The current Office volunteers include Iris Horner (Monday AM), Barbara Sawyer-Koch (Tuesday and Thursday AM), Christine Van Nada (Wednesday PM) and Carol Towl (Friday AM). An introduction to the office will be given to each of these volunteers in the near future, to acquaint them with the procedures for handling phone messages, U.S. mail and email.

The CVIP traditionally closes for the summer after MSU classes are over. However, a volunteer will check phone messages and mail weekly during the summer. *Pat Barrett*

Website: Work on the CVIP website has been limited to a few changes on the program and application pages. In the next month, we predict more activity involving the addition of some new pages dealing with current volunteer opportunities and human interest articles submitted by our program volunteers.

Please continue to inform the website manager (Pat Barrett) of any changes you wish to make to your program's web pages. Remember that new pictures added to your web pages can do a lot to make them more interesting and timely. Thank you!

Pat Barrett

Public Relations: Thank you to the board for submitting your reports and pictures for the Spring 2011 CVIP Newsletter. 730 copies were mailed out, 130 copies were emailed out and 30 extra copies will be brought to the Annual Luncheon to be handed out to friends. We have asked that people submit their email addresses so that next time more newsletter can be emailed to members.

Please give us your feedback to help us create a better newsletter in the fall. Thanks!

Stacey Bieler

Visioning: The Visioning Committee met this morning and we primarily talked about “focus groups” that we could connect with to get the word out about CVIP.

Barb Sawyer-Koch

ADJUNCT REPORTS

Church Women United: I am traveling to Mackinac Island to attend the Church Women United conference.

Marion Chapman

A+ English Language School/Okemos Adult Education, English as a Second Language, ABE and GED: See the beginning of these minutes.

Jo Pamment

CVIP Alumni: The first meeting of the CVIP Alumni Group was held at 11:30 a.m. at the Grand Traverse Pie Company in East Lansing on Wednesday, April 20, 2011. Those attending were Cynthia and Ralph Johnston, Kathy Niemeyer, Lois Park, Elizabeth Rimpau, Betty Spata, Shirley Walter, Emily Wolf, Ann McCall, and Pat and Mary Barrett. Guests were David Horner and Barbara Sawyer-Koch.

This was an organizational meeting, so several things were decided:

1. Keep Grand Traverse Pie Company’s Orchard Room as our meeting place.
2. Meet two times a year – spring and fall – when there is no snow.
3. Sit together as a group at the May Salad Luncheon meeting.
4. Be receptive to help with the CVIP 50th anniversary celebration if needed.
5. Don’t want a formal program at meetings. “Just ask David Horner to drop by and bring us up to date on the international student population on MSU’s campus.”

The meeting broke up about 2:00 p.m. We were assured that all who could physically make it would plan to come to the second meeting next September or October.

Mary Barrett and Ann McCall

International Spouse Connection: *No Report.*

Cheryl Highstreet

OISS Report/ ISP Dean’s Office: The OISS office is working to finalize the spring semester and catch up. Also, we are being audited. We plan to have two ice cream socials during the summer, June and July. We are also planning a beach trip for 200 sometime in June. In August we plan to have Welcome Tables at the airport to welcome newly arriving students. Cheryl volunteered to again coordinate this event.

Nicole Namy

Program Evaluation: *No Report.*

Dasha Shamrova

VETP Report: There will be a few VETP classes and some individual tutoring occurring during the summer. But, the program is much smaller.

Dottie Schmidt

VIPP Report: *No Report.*

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 6, 9:30 am – Executive Meeting at ULC
 June 8, 9:30 am – Final Board Meeting to discuss: Implementation of strategic plan, retreat, Iraqi, 50th celebration, our role in new student orientation program, summer meeting(s).
 June 29 - Iraqi scholars arrive
 August 3 - Executive Committee
 August 10 - board meeting
 August 16 - Lending Center opens
 August 18 - Move in date for new international students
 August ??? - Lending Center opens
 August 22 - Resource Fair - Breslin
 September 2nd - first home football game and Iraqi scholars depart
 September 7 - Executive Committee
 September 14 - Board Meeting
 September ?? - Retreat
 October 2 - Community celebration of CVIP's 50th anniversary - Looking at the Next 50 Years!!
 November 13 – Global Festival

Meeting convened at 10:45 am to set up for Luncheon.

Respectfully submitted,
 Fred Fritz –Secretary
 Dottie Schmidt – Secretary Pro-temp, 05-11-11

Guests gathered for punch and conversation at 11:30 am.

Luncheon began at 12:00 noon with Welcome by David Horner and Invocation by Fred Graham.

Presentation and vote on slate of officers for 2011-2012

CVIP Nominations

OFFICERS

President	David Horner
VP	Pam Sievers
Secretary	Fred Fritz
Treasurer	Dottie Schmidt
Past Pres	Cheryl Hightstreet

PROGRAMS

Every Tuesday	Shawn Gallagher, Sarah Phillips, Christine Van Nada,
IFP	Susan Russick, Pam Sievers, Bonnie Bankson Midge Morrow, Wendy Sylvester-Rowan, Cindy Walter

Global Festival Co-chairs	Peggy Arbanas, Lisa Homeniuk and Nicole Namy
Gift Shop Pricing/setup	Gengen Chan, Pat Mukerjee, Mona Brandou
Home Visits	Erin Boland
Lending Center	Erika Nwanko Larson
Scholarship	Carol Bryson and Christine Van Nada
Speakers Bureau	Carol Towl and Kathy Bossen

COMMITTEES

CVIP Alumni Council	Mary Barrett and Ann McCall
Administrative Services - Office, public relations, Membership and Web site manager.	Pat Barrett Stacey Bieler