

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

January 12, 2011

**Minutes**

President David Horner convened the meeting.

Present: David Horner, Iris Horner, Peggy Arbanas, Carol Towl, Stacy Bieler, Fred Fritz, Midge Morrow, Nicole Namy, Dasha Shamrova, Erika Larsen, Lisa Homeniuk, Mary Barrett, Pat Barrett, Bonnie Bankson, Barb Sawyer-Koch, Lillian Kumata, Susan Russick, Christine Van Nada, Anna Kortemeyer, Kathy Bossen, Cheryl Highstreet, Marion Chapman, Jo Pamment, William Eubank, & Dottie Schmidt.

Introductions/Announcements: We welcome guests Lichiu Boyd & Yoichi Hirose. Thanks to Speakers Bureau for providing refreshments

Minutes from December 2011 approved.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** – December

**December 2010**

**Accounts at MSU Federal Credit Union**

Savings Account

12-01-10 Balance Forward	1276.18
12-31-10 Dividend	<u>.27</u>
12-31-10 Ending Balance	1276.45

Percentage yield: .25% from December 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010

Checking Account

12-01-10 Balance Forward	2206.85
12-22-10 Draft 973	<u>- 670.00</u>
12-31-10 Ending Balance	1536.85

Draft 973 for \$670 was written to MSU (CVIP Scholarship Fund) and given to Lois Sollenberger for deposit to the Scholarship Fund account. The \$670 is Younkers Booklet money which was made out to CVIP instead of MSU Scholarship Fund.

**Expenses paid by OISS on CVIP's behalf -- November**

Office

Computer access/web fees \$1.00/month	1.00
Telephone (11-29)	12.74
Mail Processing (11-30)	550.30

International Friendship

Computer access/web fees \$1.00/month	1.00
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Global Festival

Supplies/ Nicole Namy (11-15)	84.79
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Computer access/web fees \$1.00/month	1.00
CVIP Retreat 9-17-10	
David Horner (Retreat follow-up 11-03-10)	136.90
Sarah Bannon (11-17)	300.00
<b>November total</b>	<b>\$1087.73</b>
<b>Fiscal year so far</b>	<b>\$2738.72</b>

*Dottie Schmidt*

#### **ACTION ITEMS:**

**Review of job descriptions** – Stacey Bieler passed out draft job descriptions; each person present reviewed a job description for clarity and suggestions and then returned to Stacy for further editing.

**Tracking CVIP Volunteer hours** – Dottie Schmidt  
Evaluation Forms – Stacey Bieler

#### **PROGRAM REPORTS**

**Every Tuesday:** Every Tuesday meetings will commence next Tuesday, Jan. 18. We will be busy this week trying to get the word out to more international student spouses. Last semester was notable for high enthusiasm and generally low turnout.

All the ladies of ET want to thank those who responded to our request for arts and crafts materials last term: Stacey Bieler, Marge Gliozzo, Ann McCall, Lois Sternberger, Midge Morrow and Erika Larson. Your generous donation of materials (and the time required to sort through your stuff!) means we can offer more varied and satisfying activities to our friends at ET!

*Christine Van Nada, ET co-chair*

**Home Visits:** *No Report*

*Lisa Homeniuk*

**Global Festival:** No Report.

*Peggy Arbanas*

**International Friendship Program:** The IFP Group met on Friday, Jan 7th to discuss our next Orientation and the website problems.

Susan and Pat have been working hard on getting the application issues resolved. We think things are working now, but do not know how many, if any, applications are flying through cyberspace, never to be seen.

The date for the Orientation has been changed to Sunday, February 27th at 3 PM, 3rd floor, International Center. Student applications will be accepted until February 11th. Community Host applications will be taken continuously.

*Midge Morrow & Susan Russick*

**Lending Center:** Things are moving along smoothly.

*Erika Larson*

**Scholarship Program:** No Report.

*Lois Sollenberger*

**Speakers Bureau:** Although MSU students have been involved in final examinations or on holiday break most of the time since our last meeting, we recruited four speakers to respond to three requests.

**Dec. 15:** Imam Wahyudi Karimullah, Xiaoxiang Xu and Jianyang Mei presented a comparison of the cultures of Indonesia, China and the USA to high school students at the Eaton County Day Treatment Facility. Their driver, Barbara Sawyer-Koch, gave rave reviews of the presentation, and follow-up notes from students and teachers were complimentary.

**Dec. 15:** Yuwares Malila from Bangkok, Thailand, spoke with members of the International Interest Group of the MSU Community Club about Thai culture, demonstrating Thai classical dancing and costuming. She shared pictures from her homeland on her laptop.

**Jan. 5:** Yuwares Malila gave a presentation similar to the one of Dec. 15 to Senior Citizens at the Allen Neighborhood Center. Again, it was well received, with questions from the group directing the discussion differently.

As the Spring Semester begins, we look forward to scheduling a “Speak Out” event like those of last year, where new volunteers will receive orientation materials, and one or more experienced presenters will demonstrate various presentation styles.

We also intend to fill vacancies on our Advisory Committee and gather that group for a sharing session.  
*Carol Towl & Kathy Bossen, co-chairs, & Mitsuko Marx*

*Nicole Namy & Dasha Shamrova, Liaisons to OISS*

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Administrative Services:** Web site problems have been settled. Pat intends to contact each chair to cross reference member lists. *Pat Barrett*

**Executive Committee:** *No Report. David Horner*

**Leadership:** *No Report. Iris Horner*

**Membership:** *No Report Pat Barrett*

**Office:** *No Report Pat Barrett*

**Public Relations:** Take a few moments to capture a few moments to capture a few pictures and moments for future articles. *Stacey Bieler*

**Visioning:** The Committee held its 1<sup>st</sup> meeting and is getting organized. *Barb Sawyer-Koch*

## ADJUNCT REPORTS

**Church Women United:** Church Women United were snowbound on our Dec 13th meeting date, so missed our musical presentation by Lansing Matinee Musical Women's Chorale. We postponed the installation of officers to our Jan. 10th meeting which was held at 1st Christian Church on Chester, Lansing.

Our Jan. program was a story of refugees in our area who have been greeted and aided upon arrival from Burma. Trudy Smith gave a history of this country's experiences with death and suffering of its people ending in many of its citizens fleeing for their lives to Thailand, and eventually being resettled in the U.S. by the United Nations. Trudy and husband have become local leaders in how to assist refugees resettling in our area.

Feb. will be Black History month with the sharing of the changes in our country during the lives of two of our citizens as they experienced the conditions of Blacks in several areas of the U.S. Both are college graduates, mothers, teachers and local church members. This occasion will be held at Plymouth Congregational Church on Valentine's Day, Feb. 14th at 1:00 P.M. Everyone is invited to the program and refreshments.

*Marion Chapman*

**A+ English Language School/Okemos Adult Education, English as a Second Language, ABE and GED:** We are finishing the first semester of classes this week. It has been a great year for both students and staff.

Registration has started for the next semester, and it already looks as if classes and childcare will be full again.

*Jo Pamment*

**CVIP Alumni:** The new group to come under the CVIP umbrella, CVIP Alumni, is up but not yet running. Our first meeting will not be before the end of March, after the days are longer and the weather is much warmer.

In late November, a survey was sent out to a dozen singles and couples to see if they were interested in participating in such a "mostly social" group. Their answers were positive. Three people put in the proviso that for health reasons, they could not participate immediately. One couple in their eighties declined because they were already busy with their church and other volunteer interests. Several people suggested other persons to be contacted. When phoned, all except the one couple expressed the desire to form a CVIP alumni group.

So far, the following have expressed an interest in participating: Ann McCall, Lillian Kumata, Lois Park, Betty Spata, Shirley and John Walter, Cynthia and Ralph Johnston, Arline Roe, Bill Magee, Margaret Gunn, Charles and Marge Gliozzo, and Pat and Mary Barrett. You will note that about one-fourth are still active on the CVIP Board. They can be a bridge to their long-time friends who no longer have a leadership role in CVIP.

Five questions were posed to those who were interested in forming a group. The consensus answers follow:

### **Concerning "meetings"**

1. Where? – centrally located restaurant with easy parking.
2. When? – (date) mid-September to mid-November and April to June (to avoid the snow); (time) sometime between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. (to allow for late risers and to avoid driving in the dark). It seems likely that we would have lunch together, arriving about 11:30 to beat the rush.
3. How often? – once a semester.

4. Need transportation provided by others in order to attend “meetings”? – Only three answered yes.
5. Group name preference? – Four possibilities were suggested; CVIP Alumni; CVIP Emeriti; CVIP Of Counsel; and CVIP Elders. The middle two elicited no interest at all. The fourth, “CVIP Elders”, got some negative comment. (Evidently a few focused on the chronological meaning of “elders” and not on the honored and experience connotations.) So I recommend the group be named “CVIP Alumni,” the first suggestion listed.

### **Contact Information**

Members of the group hope that their names and other contact information, including their areas of past service to CVIP, be attached to the CVIP Board Directory. In addition, they would like to receive copies of both the CVIP Board Directory and the Annual Report.

### **Further Action**

There are still several suggested persons to be contacted. I do not know how many prospective members will be added to the list above. To those of you on the CVIP Board now, I hope you will check to see if your retired predecessors are listed. If not, please see that I receive their names for follow-up purposes. *Mary Barrett*

**ISP Dean’s Office:** No Report.

**International Spouse Connection:** No Report.

*Cheryl Highstreet*

**OISS Report:** The two new staff persons have begun. ISP is beginning a capital campaign to raise \$40 million – 25% for International scholarships and study abroad. We are kicking off the spring semester!

*Nicole Namy*

**VETP Report:** No Report.

*Dottie Schmidt*

**VIPP Report:** No Report.

*William Eubank*

### **CVIP BOARD BUSINESS:**

CVIP turns 50 this year! Let’s celebrate!

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

January 21, 9:30 am - Strategic Planning  
 January 21, 3:00 pm - East Lansing Goes Global – planning meeting  
 February 2, 9:30 am – Executive Meeting at ULC  
 February 9, 9:30 am – Board Meeting at ULC  
 February 27 - IFP Orientation  
 March 2, 9:30 am – Executive Meeting at ULC  
 March 9, 9:30 am – Board Meeting at ULC –  
 March 15 – Home Visits  
 April 6, 9:30 am – Executive Meeting at ULC  
 April 13, 9:30 am – Board Meeting at ULC

May 4, 9:30 am – Executive Meeting at ULC  
May 11, 9:30 am – Board Meeting at ULC  
November 13 – Global Festival

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Fred Fritz

Secretary

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**EDUCATION PROGRAM:** The program was presented by Dan Redford – organizer of Thanksgiving Dinner for MSU Chinese students and a member of Pat Gillespie’s “think tank” for China Creative Space. Dan passed out a handout entitled “China Creative Space” and utilized both a power point presentation and an architect’s board concept to make his presentation. His ten –minute, content rich presentation was followed by a question and answer session. Dan was invited to attend the International Friendship Orientation training scheduled for February 27<sup>th</sup> as a means to further network efforts. [Dredford@gillespie-group.com](mailto:Dredford@gillespie-group.com)