

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

**Board Minutes**

May 9, 2012

**ATTENDANCE:** Margaret Arbanas, Bonnie Bankson, Mary Barrett, Pat Barrett, Stacy Bieler, Carol Bryson, Marion Chapman, Cheryl Highstreet, Richard Hesse, David Horner, Iris Horner, Lisa Homeniuk, Erika Nwankwo Larson, Barbara Sawyer-Koch, Jo Pamment, Dottie Schmidt, Pam Sievers, and Carol Towl.

*The meeting was brought to order by President, David Horner preceding the annual luncheon.*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Thanks to all for bringing lunch!!

**TREASURER'S REPORT: Dottie Schmidt**

**Treasurer's Report:** Dottie Schmidt

**April 2012**

**Accounts at MSU Federal Credit Union**

Savings Account

4-01-12 Balance Forward	4209.72
4-30-12 Deposit Dividend +.87	4210.59
4-30-12 <b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>4210.59</b>

Percentage yield: .25% from April 1, 2012 through April 30, 2012

International Friendship Program Account

4-01-12 Balance Forward	450.00
4-30-12 <b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>450.00</b>

Insured Money Management Account

4-01-12 Balance Forward	5003.82
4-30-12 Deposit Dividend + 1.03	5004.85
4-30-12 <b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>5004.85</b>

Percentage yield: .25% from April 1, 2012 through April 30, 2012

Checking Account

4-01-12 Balance Forward	462.93
4-30-12 <b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>462.93</b>

**Total= \$10128.37**

*Submitted electronically 5-08-12.*

**Dottie Schmidt**

**ACTION ITEMS**

- Chuck Gliozzo and Michael Harrison will be invited to join the CVIP Visioning Committee. Thanks to outgoing members Christine Zhou, Dan Redmon, and Sarah Bannon. One vacancy still exists. It was suggested to utilize our potential intern.

**REPORTS:**

- Pan Sievers and Barbara Sawyer-Koch reported on a regional Strategic Planning discussion regarding international students. Participants included the Chamber of Commerce, MSU, the Lansing Capitol

Airport, Meridian Township, and others. The most pressing issue is transportation of newly arrived students from Capitol Airport to the various living areas. Of the 26 taxi firms in the area only five are allowed at the airport. Ravi and others offered a pre-orientation in Shanghai and Beijing to help facilitate arrival. Barbara reported on the idea of MSU alumni greeting students arriving in Detroit and Lansing. Area hotels are actively working to on transportation from airport to hotel and then to eventual living areas.

- Summer Programs –
  - Iraqi Fulbright Scholars – Only seven arriving this year; all are in agriculture.
  - VIPP programs – Cheng Wong is representing VIPP for the summer as Dennis Hartman is in Nigeria.

## PROGRAM REPORTS

**Every Tuesday:** No report as ET has ceased meeting for the summer. *Christine Van Nada, ET co-chair*

**Home Visits:** The last Home Visits for the A+ English Language students took place on Wednesday morning, April 18, 2012. Thanks to the following people who opened their homes: Pauline Adams, Stacey Bieler, Cathy Claypool, Gerry & Russ Erickson, Sandy Gebber, Helen Hagans & John Casberque, Alice Hamacheck, Pat Hepp, Jean Kocher, Rebecca Lezmez, Mary Mather, Pat Mukarjee, Milt and Sue Powell, Lois and Harold Sollenberger.

Also thanks to drivers: Michelle Arbour, Pat Barrett, Stacey Bieler, Mary Brown, Barb Dorr, Fred Graham, Ben Hassenger, Cathe Hughes, Leandro, Ann McCall, Jessie Mesaros, Jane Moore, Nicole Namy, Dottie Schmidt, Wayne Scott, Barb Tanaka and Gary Warriner, we were able to get all 65 students to the homes for a tour and great morning of conversation.

One of our new home hosts told me: “You can ask me again anytime! We had such a wonderful time. The students asked many questions and made me aware of things in our home that I just take for granted.” A past home host said: “It seemed to go much better this time, The students asked questions and we had a delightful time.”

Two teachers, Cathe Hughes and Isolde Jamison, went through the list of students and worked with us to help mix up language level abilities and countries going to each home. This seems to be improving the interaction and quality of the home visit for both the home hosts and the students. *Submitted electronically on 5-07-12*  
*Iris Horner*

**Global Festival:** The World Gift Shop committee has already spent around 45 hours organizing and pricing gift shop donations for the November 11 Global Festival. More volunteers are needed. I’ve contacted Marion Chapman hoping that she might recruit volunteers from Church Women United. If you know of any groups that might be interested in helping, please let me know.

The two publicity chairs for the Fest, Dilek Kirca and Ruth Fienup are stepping down but are more than willing to consult with new volunteers. Jeff Lapinski, a long- time Home Visits volunteer will step up and coordinate the publicity for the Fest. Our first committee meeting will be in early June. *Received electronically 5/06/12.*  
*Lisa Homeniuk*

The Gift Shop made in excess of \$8,000.00 – the largest amount ever. *Margaret Arbanus*

**International Friendship Program:** During the month of April, we completed and distributed a survey to approximately 75% of our volunteer “friends”. We are measuring the impact of the program as well as determining the best ways to market the program and identify improvements that can be made. The results of this survey will be summarized in June.

We also followed up with all of the “friends” who were matched in February to make sure the relationship with their new student had gotten off to a good start before the semester ended.

We have had three volunteers agree to help with volunteer follow up in the fall as we look forward to our first orientation on September 30. Thanks to Dr. Patricia Laurence, Helen Hagens and Iris Horner for agreeing to help.

Other than those items, this has been a quiet month for the IFP Committee. *Submitted electronically 5-09-12*

24 students nominated their IFP friend for ‘Friend of the Year’. *Midge Morrow & Pam Sievers*

**Lending Center:** The Lending Center Annual Report is in the mail. We will need many donations to refill the Lending Center for fall. We also need more workers/volunteers for the 2012 - 2013 year. Thank you for doing all this for CVIP. *Submitted electronically 5/01/12*

Three years ago today, May 9, 2009 CVIP members helped the Lending Center make its final move out of Cherry Lane and into Spartan Village. Thanks go to Candice Glenday who helped us at the Center every Tuesday (except the first) but is now returning to Brazil. Our new carbonized thank-you letter/tax receipt is working out very well. As requested, I will have copies of our advertising flyer at the June meeting for members to take to garage sales or give to friends. *Submitted electronically 5/10/12*

*Erika Nwankwo Larson*

**Scholarship Program:** On April 27, 2012, the Scholarship Committee interviewed five applicants for CVIP scholarships for Fall term 2012. From this group, four people were awarded scholarships. Three will receive \$2,500 toward Fall term tuition:

- Maritza Orozco-Santos from Colombia - LL.M. Program, College of Law
- Enas Elzein from Libya - Masters of Public Health
- Wen Gao from China - Masters in Applied Statistics

One will receive payment for one tuition credit:

- Ahmed Rady from Egypt - Ph.D. in Biosystems and Agricultural Engineering

Scholarship recipients from Fall term 2011 and Spring term 2012 have been invited to attend the Annual Luncheon on May 9. Unfortunately only one recipient, Eunyoung Lee from South Korea, will be able to attend. Three recipients have graduated, and two of those have informed the committee that they are employed and unable to attend the luncheon for that reason. *Submitted electronically 5-09-12.*

Efforts are underway to consolidate records and download into a computer. *Carol Bryson & Christine Van Nada, Co-Chairs*

### **International Speakers Program/ I Speak:**

Since our last board meeting, we have had our usual end-of-year surge in requests from public schools to supply international speakers.

**April 16, 17 & 19:** I SPEAK provided five international speakers and three international performers for the annual Holt High School World Language Week.

Yuwares Malila (Thailand), Reema Al Dhaneem (Saudi Arabia), Jianyang Mei (China), Aline Franceschini (Brazil), and Harun Aramagan (Turkey) gave one-hour presentations about their respective countries.

For the International Assembly on Thursday, Yuwares performed a classical Thai dance, Xin Tan sang a Chinese folk song, and Lyonel Laulie-Cerda sang a Chilean folk song accompanied by guitar and a Chilean stringed instrument.

**April 18:** Aline Raquel Franceschini, Brazil, gave an interesting presentation for the regular meeting of the International Interest Group of the MSU Community Club.

**May 1:** Mamy Rasolofomalala (Madagascar) and Hikaru Sunakawa (Okinawa) gave presentations about their home countries to two groups of high school students at the Eaton County Youth Facility Alternative School.

**May 2:** Sifa Ngasala gave a presentation to the Senior Citizens at Allen Neighborhood Center about his home country, Tanzania.

**May 7:** Paloma Carton de Grammont gave presentations about her home country, Mexico, to two classes at Hope Middle School in Holt.

All international students who spoke one or more times during 2011-2012 were invited to attend the last Coffee Hour of the year to pick up a certificate prepared by staff at OISS. Along with the certificate, the MSU Alumni Club provided each student with a USB flash drive.

A few international students who will be at MSU for Summer Semester have volunteered to be available to fill requests that come during the summer. If a requester is interested, we are also offering to provide presentations about CVIP, its mission and activities, and the opportunities it offers for volunteer service to the international community. Pam Sievers is scheduled to make one such presentation for the Lansing Golden K Club on May 16.

Our promotional mailing encouraging service clubs in our local community to request international speakers during Fall Semester 2012 is scheduled to go out both electronically and in the US mail during May.

*Submitted electronically 5/01/12*

Some work still needs to be done regarding making contacts with students. E-mail and Facebook are not working as well as hoped. A recruiting effort is planned for orientation.

**Carol Towl & Barbara Sawyer-Koch**

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Executive:** *No Report.*

*David Horner*

**Leadership:** The following slate of officers will be presented for approval at the Annual Luncheon on May 9, 2012.

### CVIP Nominations for 2012-2013

President	Pam Sievers
VP	Barb Sawyer-Koch
Secretary	Fred Fritz
Treasurer	Dottie Schmidt

Nominations are just part of the Leadership Committee's responsibility. We need to continue working to recruit new volunteers by targeting their passions, interests and things they like to do and learn.

When talking with potential new volunteers, it would be helpful to have a specific list of the skills and smaller job descriptions needed for each program. Getting new people involved usually begins one task-at-a-time.

*Iris Horner*

**Membership:** CVIP membership has reached an all time high of 890.

*Pat Barrett*

**Office:** The office was open for several hours every business day this year, thanks to the loyalty of the office volunteers. Their dedication is very much appreciated. Also, thanks to Pam Sievers, the office has a fine working printer which was donated to CVIP in May.

*Pat Barrett*

**Website:** Nothing new, but program chairs are encouraged to update their pictures and if necessary, the text of their website pages. We hope soon to add a website page for the International Souse Connection

*Pat Barrett*

**Public Relations:** The Spring 2012 edition of the CVIP Newsletter was sent out recently. Thank you to Candice Glenday and Pat Barrett for their hard work on editing and formatting.

Thank you to the board for interesting articles and pictures. We were pleased to highlight the latest CVIP program, International Spouse Connection, on the front cover.

We will have extra copies at the Spring Luncheon for those interested in knowing more about CVIP.

*Submitted electronically 5/01/12*

*Stacey Bieler*

**Visioning:** *No Report.*

*Barb Sawyer-Koch*

## **ADJUNCT REPORTS**

**OISS/ ISP Dean's Office Report:**

*Peter Briggs*

**Church Women United:** *No Report*

*Marion Chapman*

**A+ English Language School/Okemos Adult Education, English as a Second Language, ABE and**

**GED:** A grant for two years of funding has been written and is expected to be approved. *Jo Pamment*

**CVIP Alumni:** Alumni enjoyed viewing the 4 panels that Stacey Bieler made for the 50<sup>th</sup> celebration.

*Mary Barrett and Ann McCall*

**Volunteer English Tutoring Program Report:** *No Report.*

*Dottie Schmidt*

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Wednesday, June 6 <sup>th</sup> - 9:30	Executive Committee
Wednesday, June 13 <sup>th</sup> - 9:30	Board Meeting – New Exec Committee
Monday, August 13-19 <sup>th</sup>	Welcome table at LAN airport
Thursday August 16 <sup>th</sup>	Move in date for new internationals
Friday, August 17 <sup>th</sup>	Pre-Orientation Graduate Students
Monday August 20 <sup>th</sup>	Orientation Registration
	Welcome Presentations
	Parent Orientation & lunch

## **REFRESHMENT SCHEDULE:**

June: Executive Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Fred Fritz and Dottie Schmidt



Apr-12		Admn	Alum	ET	Lend	Schlp	Global	IFP	I Speak	Int Sp	Visits	Office
Arbanas, Peggy	X											
Bankson, Bonnie	X	3						1				
Barrett, Mary	X											
Barrett, Pat	X	64.5										
Bieler, Stacey	X	9										
Bryson, Carol	X	8				2.5						
Fritz, Fred		6										
Gallagher, Shawn												
Hagens, Helen												
Richard Hesse	X											
Highstreet, Cheryl	X											
Homeniuk, Lisa	X						6					
Horner, David	X											
Horner, Iris	X	2.5									7.5	7
Kumata, Lillian	X											
Larson, Erika	X				64							
McCall, Ann												
Morrow, Midge								1.5				
Sawyer-Koch, Barb	X											
Schmidt, Dottie	X											
Sievers, Pam	X											
Towl, Carol	X											
VanNada, Christine		3		4		6						
White Votta, Steffanie												
Chapman, Marion	X											
Pamment, Jo	X											
Other					73.5							
Total		96	0	4	137.5	8.5	6	2.5	0	0	7.5	