

Richfield Friendship City Commission, Meeting Minutes – May 17, 2018

The meeting was called to order by Ahmad Ansari, Chair.

Those in attendance: James Versteeg, Dave Delzer, JoAnn Boraas, Ahmad Ansari, Pixie Pixler, Rori Coleman-Woods, Marty Kirsch, Jim Topitzhofer (Staff Liaison), Roger Swanson (guest, former member).

Absent, excused: Mary Olafson, Cynthy Mandl (RFCC Ambassador)

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from the April 19, 2018 meeting were approved as drafted.

Treasurer's Report: The report was approved, with checking account balance of \$2625.06 as of April 30, 2018.

Old Business: Unity in the Community preparation – RFCC will be represented at Unity in the Community to be held at Veterans' Park picnic shelter May 24, 2018. The purpose is to increase exposure of the RFCC by discussing the purpose of the Commission, its activities, prior events, recent sculpture dedication of Sofia, prior sculpture dedication, trips led by Cynthy to Costa Rica, etc. Those members who volunteered to participate include Pixie, James, Rori, Marty, Ahmad, and JoAnn. Ahmad will contact Mary and Cynthy, who were not present at this meeting, to learn if they will be volunteering as well. All participants were asked to arrive at 4:30 for the 5:00 event. Jim and Rori are updating the RFCC brochures, and Rori will take 150 to the event, as well as the oxcart wheels currently in Jim's car. Dave and Rori will check RFCC items such as maps, banners, towels with Costa Rican maps, etc., stored at the Public Works building, and Rori will take any useful items to the event. Dave offered to donate Costa Rican coffee, which will be raffled, with Rori obtaining the coffee from Dave and arranging for entry slips (Post-Its). Ahmad will contact Cynthy about other items Cynthy owns which could be used for the RFCC table. If anyone has access to a globe, it would also be a useful part of the display. Although not all RFCC members have the official RFCC t-shirt, it was decided that shirts will be ordered for James and others who need them, to include any student members who may join the Commission, and to have them available by PennFest in September.

Art Exhibit Community Event – Jim reported he has learned from Cynthy that the first available opening at the Community Center is spring, 2019. Planning for a Costa Rican wildlife art exhibit will occur as appropriate.

Discussion of RFCC documents and possessions - Roger brought the storage cabinet keys and documents boxes as was discussed at previous meetings, and gave to Jim. Jim has returned Roger's rug and plastic support. Discussion revolved around the need to keep hard copies of meeting minutes versus online only. Roger reported that as an archivist, he believes hard copies should be retained. Others felt that online availability may suffice. The matter will be discussed further at a future meeting.

New Business: July 4 parade – Fees have increased to participate in the parade, per Jim, to \$100 for nonprofit organizations. Registration fees increase as the event approaches, with the deadline 4 days in advance. Ahmad will contact the Chair of the 4th of July Committee to inquire about selling water at the post-parade activities, as a fundraising activity. Discussion about who on the RFCC will be present at the event will continue at the June 21 meeting.

Next Meeting: Thursday, June 21, 2018, 7:00 PM, Richfield Municipal Center (Heredia Room), 6700 Portland Avenue.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned by Ahmad Ansari.

Submitted by JoAnn Boraas, RFCC Secretary.

Richfield Friendship City Commission Treasurers Report 2018

June 2018

Balance as of 05/01/2018 **\$2,625.06**

Income Interest Paid .11

Expense Ending Balance as of 05/31//2018 **\$2,625.17**

Respectfully submitted by Mary Olafson, Treasurer 2018