

Friends of Danang
January 14, 2010
Enrico Biscotti Company

MINUTES

1. Welcome to Guests:

Lean Militar is from Duquesne University. Lean is involved in some humanitarian efforts and is the VP of Amnesty International at DU.

There is more information in the Open Discussion portion below.

2. Individual reflections

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3. Financial Report:

There was a reported balance of \$25,678.78 as of December 31, 2009, which represents \$704.49 in our administration fund, and \$225 in the Roger Costello Book Fund. The remainder of \$24,749.29 is available for humanitarian projects. The Larry Lagattuta Fund stands at \$9,238. A complete report is included.

4. Veterans Day Breakfast:

There was a discussion about some possible speakers for the 2010 VDB. Some of the names mentioned were Greg Mortensen, Col. Michael Steele, and Bruce Bickel. See the attached VDB report.

The Final Report from the Veteran's Day Breakfast is also included. The total income from the breakfast was \$29,875 minus the total expenses of \$10,736.66 which leaves a net profit of \$19, 138.34.

5. Compassionate Homes:

Two compassionate homes were paid for with Roger Costello's book fund. *Thank you Roger!!* See the enclosed letter from East Meets West Foundation with the expression of gratitude. This is a project that is very attainable for us.

It could easily be presented to high school groups.

6. Trip to Vietnam:

With the trip to Vietnam being tentatively schedule in June, Thanh sent three possible itineraries for travel routes to Vietnam. Most likely, the trip will be discussed at the March meeting. The itineraries will be posted then.

7. Vietnamese Dinner:

There was some discussion as to whether we will have a Vietnamese Dinner this year. Mary Lou contacted St. Mary of the Mount Church in Mt. Washington as a possible site for the dinner. They have large kitchen and appears to be a great venue. Deb will contact Thanh to get more information.

8. Open Discussion:

- Lean Militar, VP of Amnesty International from Duquesne University told of an event on March 31st at DU that may be of interest to FOD. If we attend, we can have a booth and give out information about the FOD. The event will be a benefit concert/ human rights arts festival for the genocide in the DRC. More information will follow.
- Roger and Tom Grove will participate in the Rolling Thunder ride on Memorial Day weekend. They are asking us to think of a way that they can take our name with them.
- Included in the hard copy of these minutes is a Post Gazette article "It's a long way from Hanoi to Pittsburgh."

Our next meeting is Thursday, February 11, 2010 at 7:00 at Enrico Biscotti Company at 2022 Penn Ave., Pittsburgh 15222 in the Strip District

Respectfully submitted,

Deb

