

Friends of Danang
July 10, 2008
Enrico Biscotti Company
Strip District

MINUTES

Mary Lou did a great job chairing the meeting!

1. Welcome to Guests:

Graham Hodgetts, Encounter Uganda water projects (special invited guest to speak on water projects)

2. Silent Reflection: Individual reflections

3. Financial Report:

There was a reported balance of \$11,040.31 in the administrative checking account as of June 30, 2008, of which \$3,890 is restricted for Roger's book fund. Therefore, we have a non-discretionary balance of \$7,150.31. Checks in the amount of \$316.00 were written for expenses in June. At our June meeting, \$135 was collected for the Larry Lagattuta Fund, which remains at \$7,093.00. **A complete report is enclosed.**

4. Veteran's Day Breakfast:

TJ is putting the finishing touches on the package that will be sent out to all Breakfast participants in the past two years. It will include:

- 1) The cover letter for the invitation to the Veteran's Day Breakfast
- 2) Bruce Bickel's bio (this year's keynote speaker), and
- 3) a flyer to buy ads in the program All sponsors will be asked to send their ads to John Dziak electronically if possible.

--All FOD members are urged to take an active part in selling ADS and TICKETS.

5. New Project:

Discussion continued on the selection of the new project with no firm selection.

--Graham Hodgetts who has been building wells in Uganda with his local church stressed the need for sustainability of the wells, both in the form of physical upkeep and communal responsibility. He also stressed

the need to have local government approval and support. The local communities must have "ownership" of the well.

--It is very important that we have something to sell to raise money...our project should be clearly stated in the literature for the upcoming fund raising events (Vet Breakfast, Vietnamese dinner, jewelry sale, etc) We need that goal to sell ads to the public.

At the June meeting, there was a motion to raise money to build a school with Vietnam Children's Fund and a small well with a holding tank to provide water for the students and the local villagers. The motion was second and approved. However, there still seems to be some question about the final project. Tony will contact the Vietnam Children's Fund and East Meets West to see which organization can best complete the construction and sustainability of the school/water project. All agreed that we must make the final decision at the August meeting.

6. Vietnamese Dinner and Jewelry Show

It was decided that we would combine both the Dinner and Jewelry show this year and that the dinner would be somewhat smaller than past years. Venue this year is the Chatham Village Clubhouse in Mount Washington. The date is tentatively set for November 23rd with a possibility of having it on Nov. 16th. More information to come.

7. **Veteran's Day Boxing Bouts as a FOD fundraiser.** Jimmy Cevtic, with the Policeman's Athletic League offered to stage a 10 bout boxing event and to give 1/3 of the proceeds to FOD (other recipients are the World War II Veterans and the Soldiers and Sailors Hall and Museum.) FOD would be partially responsible for selling tickets. A motion to accept the offer was made and seconded and passed. TJ, George and Tony have been meeting with Mr. Cevtic and will pass on additional information as the project develops.

8. Spaghetti Dinner:

We will again work with the Bethel Park Rotary Club on the dinner. No date has been set as yet.

Our next meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, August 14, 2008** at Enrico Biscotti Co. at 7:00 pm.

Enclosures:

- Financial Report

In my absence, George D'Angelo scribed and typed the minutes. His efforts and accuracy are very much appreciated!!