

Friends of Danang
August 14, 2008
Enrico Biscotti Company
Strip District

MINUTES

1. Welcome to Guests:

Nancy Dal Dosso, Friend of Noreen's
Jimmy Cevtic, with the Policeman's Athletic League, came to discuss the Vets Day Boxing event (see #7 below)

2. Individual reflections

3. Financial Report:

There was a reported balance of \$11,304.31 in the administrative checking account as of July 31, 2008, of which \$3,890 is restricted for Roger's book fund. Therefore, we have a non-discretionary balance of \$7,414.31. No checks were written for expenses in July. At our July meeting, \$110 was collected for the Larry Lagattuta Fund, which is now at \$7,203.00. **A complete report is enclosed.**

4. Veteran's Day Breakfast:

Each attendee was given a "package" that included **10 each of:**

- 1) The cover letter for the invitation to the Veteran's Day Breakfast,
- 2) A letter to buy ads in the program. Sponsors are asked to send their ads to John Dziak, electronically if possible. All prices and pertinent information about program ads is in the letter,
- 3) Tickets for the Breakfast with a bio of our speaker, Bruce Bickel, on the back,
- 4) Information brochure on the Friends of Danang,
- 5) "Note of Thanks" brochure,
- 6) Envelops for mailing brochures and tickets

Packages will be given out again at the September meeting and sent to all others who have not personally gotten one.

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

PLEASE take an active part in selling ADS and TICKETS. The success of the Breakfast depends on all of our efforts.

5. New Project:

Discussion centered around raising money to build a school with Vietnam Children's Fund and a small water-well to provide water for the students and the local villagers. There was also some discussion about an East Meets West project of building small houses for families. The sense was to go with the school/well project but consider houses for future projects. Since the price of building schools have increased, it was decided that we invite Dan Pultz's Marine unit and Shirley's friend "General Jim" to join us in raising \$150,000 for an 8 room school and water-well combination. The school will be built through the Vietnam Children's Fund. Although we do not have a "water well" contractor, we feel confident that we can locate a satisfactory contractor through our Vietnamese and VN government partners.

6. Vietnamese Dinner and Jewelry Show

At the last meeting, it was decided to 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 16th with a possibility of having it on Nov 23rd. More information to come.

7. Veteran's Day Boxing Bouts as a FOD fundraiser.

Jimmy Cevtic, with the Policeman's Athletic League, discussed his offer 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.) Last month's intention to accept the offer was confirmed. TJ, Tony and George have been meeting with Mr. Cevtic and will pass on additional information as the project develops. FOD would be partially responsible for selling tickets which include:

- a. 300 General Admission at \$20.00 each,
- b. 80 VIP tickets at \$50.00, and
- c. 21 VIP tables (situated on the balcony and seating 6 people) at \$500.00 each

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, September 11, 2008** at Enrico Biscotti Co. at 7:00 pm.

I'd like to express my deep appreciation to George D'Angelo for taking and typing the minutes at this meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Deb