

CITY OF SHEBOYGAN

MAYOR'S INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE MINUTES

Thursday, February 06, 2025

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OPENING OF MEETING

1) Call to Order

Mayor Ryan Sorenson called the meeting to order at 5:17 PM in Conference Room 106 at City Hall (828 Center Avenue, Sheboygan).

Members Present: Mayor Sorenson, Co-Chair Peter Janssen(online), Co-Chair Lisa Salgado, Alex, Vanden Heuvel, Member M, Melissa Parra, Minami Beaudry Nicole Brown, Sarah Engel-Streicher(online), and Tomomi Kanemaru.

2) Pledge of Allegiance

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

3) Correspondence

- a. Committee to host Tsubame Delegation
- b. Confirmation of Mayor's approval to proceed
- c. Updates from Esslingen - Katrin still onboarding, future re-engagement planned

4) Tsubame Delegation

- a. 1 confirmed host family, recruitment ongoing
- b. Veronica to coordinate media outreach
- c. Open discussion with Tsubame on their visit interests
- d. Welcome event to include North High Drumline, dance, and more

5) Japan America Society of Wisconsin

- a. Reached out regarding involvement with our sister city
- b. Opportunity to be featured on their website

6) Sheboygan Chamber of Commerce

- a. Confirmed attendance
- b. Review of team members joining the Mayor on stage
- c. Appreciation for nomination
- d. Discussion on fellow nominees in the "Working Together" category

7) Lakeland Japanese Association Donation

- a. Prior support acknowledged; committee to contribute \$200
- b. Motion to approve: Mellissa motioned, Nicole seconded, unanimous approval
- c. Discussion on setting standards for future donations

8) Tsubame Reimbursement

- a. Masako paid shipping costs for Nobel Prize flatware loaned for Journey to Japan
- b. Proposal to reimburse the expense

9) Tea Talks with Deb

- a. Postponed to next meeting

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- 10) **Esslingen Fest**
 - a. **Announced date:** September 6, 2025
- 11) **Next Meeting** - March 6, 2025
- 12) **Adjourn** at 5:54 PM.

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