

CITY OF SHEBOYGAN
MAYOR'S INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE MINUTES

Thursday, November 03, 2022

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OPENING OF MEETING

1. Call to Order and Introductions

Co-Chairperson Annie King called the meeting to order at 5:18 pm in Conference Room 305 at City Hall (828 Center Avenue, Sheboygan) and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Members present: Annie King-Close, Pete Janssen, Carolyn Miesfeld, Rich Miesfeld, Cole Phillips, Tony Rammer, Dane Schaefer, and Lisa Salgado.

Members not present: Rich Miesfeld, Tony Rammer, Deidre Martinez, Dana Elmzen, Nick Laurie, Deb Sabol-Williams, Veronica Valdez, Mayor Sorenson.

2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Correspondence

There is no correspondence at this time.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

4. Esslingen Trip Debrief

Annie discussed being interviewed by a journalist from Esslingen newspaper to promote the coffee talks program. Members reviewed the article.

Reminder to send Veronica images at Veronica.Valdez@sheboyganwi.gov

Members who attended the trip are wanting to reach out and extend a thank you to Katrin and Jasmine. Members also discussed thoughts on how to financially assist with Esslingen Mayor and Katrin's stay to show reciprocity. The members floated ideas of how to best accommodate Esslingen delegation when they visit in 2023.

Katrin put together a very thorough and thoughtful itinerary that presented Esslingen from Ancient to Modern. Members visited Oktoberfest, Catacombes, visiting Esslingen Fire Department.

5. Middle School Exchange Tour

Carolyn expressed that the tour is in need of a chaperone. This is a 6 week in total program in July-August 2023.

6. Sister City Updates

a. Esslingen

b. Tsubame

Esslingen

Sister City Urban diplomacy conference attended by Mayor Sorenson in October. The focus on sustainability and democracy.

Tsubame

Tentative Zoom meeting with Mayor of Tsubame, education staff along with Hisako Matsui. The meeting will be at 5 PM. Discussion on whether the meeting would be in person or if members should log in remotely to the meeting.

This meeting will be our next step in opening up a good line of communication between the sister cities. Potentially discuss a delegation visit to Tsubame.

Cole Phillips discussed brining up the idea of a Tsubame Coffee Talks or a similar program with Tsubame. Cole Phillips plans to reach out to Mayor Sorenson

7. Future Plan and Ideas

The committee is interested in visiting Tsubame or inviting a delegation from Tsubame.

CLOSING OF MEETING

8. Next Meeting December 1st, 2022 - Christmas Tree Decorating

9. Adjourn at 6:02 PM.

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