

**CITY OF SHEBOYGAN**  
**MAYORS INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE MINUTES**  
**Thursday, April 06, 2023**

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**OPENING OF MEETING**

1. Call to Order

Chairperson Alexandria King-Close called the meeting 5:15 pm in Conference Room 106 at City Hall (828 Center Avenue, Sheboygan).

Members Present: Mayor Ryan Sorenson, Annie King-Close, Nick Laurie, Dane Schaefer, Tony Rammer, Deidre Martinez, Deb Sabol-Williams, and Veronica Valdez

Members not in attendance: Peter Janssen, Carolyn Miesfeld, Rich Miesfeld, Lisa Salgado, Cole Phillips, and Libby Olbrantz.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Pledge of Allegiance was recited after the meeting was called to order.

3. Correspondence

Mayor Ryan Sorenson and Veronica have received on-going correspondence from our German Delegation regarding travel departure and arrival times to Chicago on July 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Mayor Ryan Sorenson and Veronica have received correspondence from our Tsubame Delegation regarding continued coffee talks on an individual or small group. Our delegation would like to exchange children's songs, art and letters.

Veronica received an invitation to International Night 2023 on April 15<sup>th</sup> from Ayano Takenda from the Japanese Association President.

Veronica is working with Deb Sabol- Williams and Katy Ries Music Teacher at Longfellow to arrange a visit with the Mayor to film and observe students singing to send to our Tsubame Delegation. Veronica will reach out to Sally Van Driest to coordinate an Art Exchange.

**MINUTES**

4. Approve Minutes from March 2, 2023.

Motion to approve minutes of March 2, 2023 meeting; all ayes and motion passes.

**ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

5. Sister City Updates

a. Tsubame

i. Coffee Talks

The Tsubame Delegation would like to move forward with individual or small group coffee talks. It is the fiscal year end and things are hectic at this time in Tsusabme. Hisako would prefer we moved forward with programs after the month of April.

Listed below is he Tsubame Delegation and possible Coffee Talk Partnerships. More than one contact point can be assigned to the Tsubame Delegation.

Tsubame Delegation	Mayors International Committee
Hisako Matsui-Regional Promotion Division	Annie King-Close Veronica Valdez- Mayors Assistant
Toshiki Imai- Regional Promotion Division	Dane Schaefer- MIC
Satoko Yamazaki- Planning and Financial Management Division (Traveled to US in 2008)	
Kentaro Shinozaki- School Education Division	Cole Phillips
Fumiko Yokoyama- School Education Division	
Masako Kobayashi- Tax Collection Division	
Yoshimi Takahashi- Public Relations and Secretarial Division (Has expressed wanting to work with Children/Arts)	
Kaori Yamada- Tourism Promotion Division	

b. Esslingen

i. Coffee Talks

Coffee Talks are currently on hold while the German Delegation prepares for travel for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

Esslingen Delegation visit ideas include, planting trees at Esslingen park/park clean-up, Dumper Dans river tour, welcome Brat/Fish Fry, Sheboygan A's game.

ii. Esslingen Fest- August 20

Nick has provided the MIC info page to utilize at future events.

**CLOSING OF MEETING**

1. Next Meeting Date: May 04, 2023.
2. Adjourn at 6:02 pm

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