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CITY OF SHEBOYGANMAYOR'S INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEETHursday, March 5, 2020

Chairperson Rich Miesfeld called the meeting to order at 5: 15 pm in Conference Room 106 at City Hall (828 Center Avenue, Sheboygan) and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Members present: Ruth Gerstner, Yolanda Graf, Charlene Hinze, Mark Hinze, Carolyn Miesfeld, Rich Miesfeld, Cole Phillips, Anna Schoen, Henry Schoen, Sarah Schwefel, Patrick Siebold, Alderperson Ryan Sorenson, and Julie Vandersteen.

Others present: None.

Members excused: James Graf, Tom Michel, Grazia Perrella, and Trent Rammer.

Correspondence:

Scott Neiderjohn did a presentation at Lakeland University on February 18 to announce their partnership with Esslingen University. Lakeland posted an article about the partnership on their website and FB page on February 20, Sarah shared the article onto facebook.com/MayorsInternationalCommittee.

Minutes: Motion to approve minutes of February 6, 2020 meeting; motion passes.

#### ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

Discuss travel plans for our next trip to Esslingen in May 2021 including an update from the sub-committee. Anywhere within the timeframe of May 18 - 30, 2021 is fine with the Esslingen people. Carolyn has met with Jerri at Discovery Travel, she suggested that plans be set as soon as possible. A river cruise is an option to consider, it s a better deal than the bus tours. Also, there are discounts based on having more people in the group. The sub-committee of Carolyn, Yo, Ruth, and Char will proceed with discussing itinerary ideas and will come back to the MIC as a whole with a recommendation. Tsubame Sister City relationship next steps. Rich suggested forming a sub-committee to work on the

Tsubame relationship, the group is in consensus to do this and anyone who is interested should contact Rich. Rich has been in contact with Johnsonville because they have staff that works with Japan. Rich has reached out to Sheboygan s past exchange students that have visited Japan, he got the sense that the families involved in that exchange were very positive about their experience. In Rich s research about the exchange student program, he learned that it was strongly driven by the parents/families. We watched the video message that has been created for us to send to Tsubame:  
[www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ags-YvaXOFM](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ags-YvaXOFM). Updates regarding 3 -D printed cranes project Cole Phillips. Based on the research that he s done, the most popular size is that is the closest to actual origami cranes. He has produced about 500 cranes so far, he would like to put them on display locally, potentially at the new Visit Sheboygan building. He has also been working on ideas for the lithographs as well. Cole will be selling the cranes at the People To People brat fry on Sunday, March 8. Rich mentioned that this would be good timing to promote the cranes to the visitors that will be in the area for the Ryder Cup.

UPCOMING MEETING DATE: April 2, 2020.

Adjourned at 5: 44 pm.