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CITY OF SHEBOYGANMAYOR'S INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEETHursday, October 3, 2019

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, James Graf, Yolanda Graf, Charlene Hinze, Mark Hinze, Tom Michel (arrived at 5: 27 pm), Carolyn Miesfeld, Rich Miesfeld, Grazia Perrella, Anna Schoen, Henry Schoen, Sarah Schwefel, Patrick Siebold, and Alderperson Ryan Sorenson.

Others present: Cole Phillips and Mary Koczan.

Members excused: Trent Rammer, Mike Vandersteen, and Julie Vandersteen.

Correspondence: None.

Minutes: Motion to approve minutes of September 5, 2019 meeting; motion passes.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

Recap of Esslingen Delegation Visit September 11 - 16, 2019. Rich said that the group had a good time. Carolyn took two of the delegates grocery shopping to get supplies for Esslingen Fest and they were very amazed at how different it is from their stores; they were very impressed with the quality and freshness of meat and produce. Anna commented that for the delegates who had not previously been to Sheboygan that they were surprised to see that so many people live in individual houses; they are used to primarily multi-home buildings. In a future visit we should allow more time for them to go shopping. Rich stated that Scott Niederjohn from Lakeland University will be visiting Esslingen in January to work further on their university exchange program.

Recap of Esslingen Fest Sunday, September 15, 2019 at 3 Sheeps. Pre-sale raffle ticket winners are Ruth Gerstner first place, Brad Woefel second place, and Mary Koczan third place. Rich will be sending thank you notes to sponsors and donors shortly. Henry made a motion to spend up to \$50 to purchase storage totes to organize our supplies, Carolyn seconded; motion passes. Mark made a motion to donate \$50 to FCC as a thank you for letting us use their kitchen for cooking, seconded by Yolanda; motion passes. Ryan noted that the first half of the event mainly sold brats, the second half of the event sold more hamburgers.

Exchange Student Party Monday, November 11 at Elks Lodge. Rich has reserved the Elks Lodge for the event (this year is the first time we need to pay the \$75 venue fee). Sarah will reach out to the high school guidance counselors to get the number of attendees Char mentioned that the number of exchange students in People To People is decreased from previous years. We need someone

to be in charge of table decorations/centerpieces. Yolanda made a motion that we order pizza and salad from Theos and order cupcakes from a bakery, seconded by Anna; motion passes. Discuss relationship with Tsubame Sister City. Grazia has been in communication with Scott Mealiff from WSCS to film our video message to re-establish our relationship with Tsubame, this project will be a nice personal touch to introduce ourselves. Yolanda suggested that we use the theme of Spirit on the Lake and say what that tag line means to each of us. We could utilize footage from the Sister City Peace Park dedication as a snippet in our video. Cole would like to contribute footage that he has taken of nature in the Sheboygan area. MIC members are asked to send their statements to Grazia by the end of next week (October 11) for the purposes of planning the script. Mary Koczan brought 25 of the paper cranes that were on display at the Peace Park dedication event, we can consider sending some of these to Tsubame.

UPCOMING MEETING DATE: November 7, 2019.

Adjourned at 6: 06 pm.