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CITY OF SHEBOYGANMAYOR'S INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEETHursday, June 13, 2019

Chairperson Rich Miesfeld called the meeting to order at 5: 15 pm in the 1 st Floor Conference Room at the temporary City Hall (1211 N. 23 rd Street, Sheboygan) and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Members present: Ruth Gerstner, James Graf, Yolanda Graf, Carolyn Miesfeld, Rich Miesfeld, Grazia Perrella, Trent Rammer, Anna Schoen, Henry Schoen, Sarah Schwefel, and Julie Vandersteen.

Others present: Mayor Mike Vandersteen, Jon Keckonen, Ann Keckonen, and Mary Koczan.

Members excused: Charlene Hinze, Mark Hinze, Tom Michel, and Alderperson Ryan Sorenson.

Correspondence: None.

Minutes: Motion to approve minutes of May 2, 2019 meeting; motion passes.

#### ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

Recap of the Bratwurst luncheon for the Great Lakes & St. Lawrence Cities Initiative annual conference on Wednesday, June 5 at Blue Harbor. Mayor Vandersteen thanked the committee members for all their work on this event, \$1000 donation has been earned by providing this brat fry. Volunteer sign-up for Levitt Amp Concerts: Thursday, July 11 and Thursday, August 1. A sign-up sheet was passed around. Exchange Student Brat Fry Sunday, August 11 at Deland Home. Carolyn will get info from Bob Quasius about the number of attendees and the exact timeframe. We should sell the Esslingen Fest pre-sale raffle tickets at this event. Esslingen Fest Sunday, September 15, 2019 at 3 Sheeps. Sponsorship sheets were handed out to all committee members. Julie will take the lead on organizing the raffle baskets. Sarah will have the pre-sale raffle tickets printed in advance of our July committee meeting. Rich would like to promote this as a Packer tailgate event since there will be a Packer game at 12: 00 pm. Jon Keckonen suggested having a display of Esslingen photos at this event. Cooking with Jutta and Pauline Yolanda and Carolyn will coordinate German menu for Esslingen Fest. Penciled in for 2: 00 pm on Saturday, September 14 at First United Church. Ann Keckonen talked to Jutta when she was in Germany recently and they discussed the ingredients and supplies needed. Exchange program between Lakeland University and the University of Applied Sciences in Esslingen. A conference call took place on June 6. Lakeland already have a similar arrangement with the University of Luxembourg, so they will be modeling the agreement with Esslingen after that.

They anticipate being able to start the exchange program in the fall of 2020. Esslingen Delegation Visit September 11 - 16, 2019. Rich, Mayor Vandersteen, and Sarah met on June 12 to draft an itinerary. This has been sent to Katrin and we are awaiting a response from her. Ann Keckonen has researched transportation options for them. Updates about the Friends of the Mayor's International Committee Rich Miesfeld. Rich will continue coordinate with his contacts to give them the info about our upcoming events. Discuss relationship with Tsubame Sister City. Mayor Vandersteen has proposed that we take photos of the completed Sister City garden at the Peace Park and send it to Tsubame to let them know what we are doing to recognize them. Grazia has suggested the idea of creating a video to showcase our members and our committee.

UPCOMING MEETING DATES: July 18 and August 15, 2019.

Adjourned at 5: 52 pm.