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CITY OF SHEBOYGANMAYOR'S INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEETHursday, April 4, 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, Yolanda Graf, Charlene Hinze, Mark Hinze, Jane Kautzer, Keary Kautzer, Carolyn Miesfeld, Rich Miesfeld, Anna Schoen, Henry Schoen, Sarah Schwefel, Alderperson Ryan Sorenson, and Julie Vandersteen.

Others present: Mayor Mike Vandersteen, Mary Koczan, and Frank Koczan.

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

Correspondence: None.

Minutes: Motion made by Henry Schoen, seconded by Yo Graf to approve minutes of February 7, 2019 meeting; motion passes.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

Inquiry from exchange student Madiha Maqsood about volunteering with the MIC (departing June 13). Sarah will forward Madiha s email to Rich and he will invite her to People to People events. Volunteer sign-up for Levitt Amp Concerts: Thursday, July 11 and Thursday, August 1. A sign-up sheet was passed around. Discuss "Picnic on the Green" options: Saturday, July 27 and Saturday, August 10. First by Julie to decline participation, second by Char; all ayes, motion passes. Bratwurst luncheon for the Great Lakes & St. Lawrence Cities Initiative annual conference on Wednesday, June 5 at Blue Harbor. Mayor Vandersteen described that we need volunteers to help with setup, frying, food prep, cleanup, etc. A sign-up sheet was passed around, Rich will ask the Kiwanis Club for volunteers also. Esslingen Fest Sunday, September 15, 2019 at 3 Sheeps. Sarah to create donation info sheets. Rich stated that 3 Sheeps will have their Oktoberfest beer for the event. Mayor will invite the representative from the German Consulate. Mayor confirmed with Al & Al s that their Oktoberfest will only be on September 13 and 14, so no conflict with our event. Cooking with Jutta and Pauline coordinate German menu for Esslingen Fest. Rich will inquire about using the new kitchen at First United. Yo and Carolyn will be the chairpersons of this project. Esslingen Delegation Visit September 11 - 16, 2019. Julie suggested taking them to Bookworm Gardens, the Farm Experience in Manitowoc, Acuity. Rich will collect ideas from everyone and compile them to discuss at a future MIC meeting. Updates about the Friends of the Mayor's International Committee Rich Miesfeld. Rich will coordinate with his contacts to give them the info about our upcoming events. Discuss relationship with

Tsubame Sister City. Ryan Sorenson gave an update from a recent email that he received from Manitowoc Mayor Justin Nickels after inquiring about Manitowoc's Sister City program: First, the State of Wisconsin and the Prefecture of Chiba are sister states.... so if your sister city is in Chiba, the State of Wisconsin may be able to help rekindle that relationship. Our largest success has been our student exchange. We send about 6 students (and so do they) every year in summer. The students stay at each other's homes. We offer this to all students in Manitowoc County. It is very successful. We do an adult exchange about every 2 years (they come here, then we go there). Our Libraries are connected and we send books each year. Our art museums are connected and we send student art each March for youth art month. Those are the largest things we do. If you need more information I can put you in touch with our sister-city president. As a result of this information, Mayor Vandersteen and Ryan Sorenson stated that they will reach out to the JMKAC and the Mead Library to inquire about utilizing them for a Japanese partnership.

NEXT MEETING DATE: Thursday, May 2, 2019.

Adjourned at 5: 39 pm.