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CITY OF SHEBOYGANMAYOR'S INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEETHursday, February 7, 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, Charlene Hinze, Mark Hinze, Carolyn Miesfeld, Rich Miesfeld, Grazia Perrella, Anna Schoen, Henry Schoen, Sarah Schwefel, Alderperson Ryan Sorenson, and Julie Vandersteen.

Others present: Mayor Mike Vandersteen.

Members excused: Trent Rammer and Tom Michel.

Members unexcused: Jane Kautzer and Keary Kautzer.

Correspondence: The \$1000 donation from JMKAC for volunteering at the Levitt Amp beverage stands in summer 2018 has been received and deposited.

Alderperson Ryan Sorenson received an email from Mary Koczan at the Friends of Peace Park Sheboygan, she is now the contact person for their organization.

Minutes: Motion made by Yolanda Graf, seconded by Julie Vandersteen to approve minutes of January 3, 2019 meeting; motion passes.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

Discuss design for Peace Park paver. Sarah passed around print outs of six design options, the committee reviewed them and voted on selecting design # 4. Status of Friends of the Mayor's International Committee. Rich Miesfeld is working with People To People to set up the group, he will have more info next month. UW Band concert Monday, April 1, 2019 at Weill Center. Mayor Vandersteen stated he has received contracts from the band and the Weill

Center. The final contract has been direct referred to the Finance & Personnel Committee which will be meeting on February 11. Rich will be setting up a kickoff meeting for a sub-committee. A motion was made by Ryan Sorenson, seconded by Char Hinze to proceed with this project; motion passes. Discuss possibility of MIC running the bratwurst luncheon for the Great Lakes & St. Lawrence Cities Initiative annual conference on Wednesday, June 5 at Blue Harbor. Mayor Vandersteen stated that about 200 people will be attending this conference. Bemis will provide the tent and Johnsonville is sponsoring the meat. A motion was made by Ryan Sorenson, seconded by Carolyn Miesfeld to proceed with this project; motion passes. Rich Miesfeld will ask people from his Kiwanis club to help with providing volunteers. Esslingen Fest Sunday, September 15, 2019 at 3 Sheeps. Rich Miesfeld has been in communication with 3 Sheeps and confirmed that we have the venue reserved. Henry Schoen will contact the Ryan Kauzter Band to book them. A suggestion was made that we should consider doing a slide show on the TV screens that highlights Esslingen. Mayor Vandersteen will be in communication with Jutta to discuss making food for the event. Discuss \$500 donation for "People To People" Chicago trip. A motion was made by Yolanda Graf, seconded by Henry Schoen to donate \$500 for the People To People Chicago trip; motion passes. Discuss relationship with Tsubame Sister City. Rich Miesfeld and Grazia Perella are working on contacting Yui at JMKAC. Grazia suggests that we formalize our intentions/idea that may include Japanese culture. Rich found a contact person at Lakeland University, he will connect with him. Grazia stated that she could contact Tsubame to ask for advice about a type of event to do. Mayor Vandersteen stated that he will contact Manitowoc Mayor Justin Nickels for ideas.

NEXT MEETING DATE: Thursday, March 7, 2019.

Adjourned at 6: 00 pm.