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CITY OF SHEBOYGANMAYOR'S INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEETHursday, December 6, 2018

Vice Chairperson Julie Vandersteen 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: James Graf, Yolanda Graf, Charlene Hinze, Mark Hinze, Jane Kautzer, Keary Kautzer, Grazia Perrella, Trent Rammer, Anna Schoen, Henry Schoen, Sarah Schwefel, Alderperson Ryan Sorenson, and Julie Vandersteen.

Others present: Mayor Mike Vandersteen.

Members excused: Ruth Gerstner, Tom Michel, Carolyn Miesfeld, and Rich Miesfeld.

Correspondence: On November 15 Alderperson Ryan Sorenson attended a meet-and-greet event with the three-person delegation from Hessen, Wisconsin's sister-state in Germany. The event took place at the Brookfield City Hall and was coordinated by The Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation.

Carol Senkbeil from the South High AFS Chapter sent an envelope with four thank-you cards written by students who attended the student exchange dinner.

Minutes: Motion made by Alderperson Ryan Sorenson, seconded by Char Hinze to approve minutes of November 1, 2018 meeting; motion passes.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

Recap of Exchange Student Party Monday, November 12 at Elks Lodge. Grazia and her team did a wonderful job preparing all of the food for the event, Grazia stated that she would like to lead the food preparation for next year also. What she learned this year will help her to plan for next year, particularly scaling back the quantity of food because there were a lot of leftovers. Next year we would like to have table cloths and centerpieces. Next year we will give the students their questions when they check-in so they have time to think about their answers before they go on stage. Next year we will consider providing a letter to the students who have strict requirements to assure them that the event is not merely a party but it is truly a cultural exchange Anna will talk to Carol Senkbeil about this also. Discuss design for Peace Park paver. Sarah passed around print outs of four design options, the committee will review them and make a decision within the next couple months. There is no rush to make a decision because they won't be installing the next batch of pavers until spring time. Discuss possibility of UW Band concert for 2019. Mayor Vandersteen has continued to stay in communication with the UW Band and

we are currently on their waiting list. Status of Friends of the Mayor's International Committee. Rich Miesfeld will continue to pursue this effort and will report back at the next MIC meeting. Discuss date for 2019 Esslingen Fest. The delegates from Esslingen are only available from September 8 - 15, 2019. Mayor Vandersteen will communicate with them further to determine the plans for their visit. Discuss relationship with Tsubame Sister City. Molly Dewane traveled to Japan with plans to meet the Mayor of Tsubame on November 19, but due to medical issues she was not able to attend the meeting. Her trip was cut short and she came back home.

NEXT MEETING DATE: Thursday, January 3, 2019.

Adjourn: At 6: 00 pm motion by Henry Schoen, seconded by Yolanda Graf to adjourn. Motion passes.