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CITY OF SHEBOYGANMAYOR'S INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEETHursday, May 17, 2018

Chair Julie Vandersteen called the meeting to order at 5: 15 pm in the 3 rd Floor Conference Room at City Hall and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Members present: Ruth Gerstner, James Graf, Yolanda Graf, Charlene Hinze, Mark Hinze, Jane Kautzer, Keary Kautzer, Tom Michel, Carolyn Miesfeld, Rich Miesfeld, Grazia Perrella, Anna Schoen, Henry Schoen, Sarah Schwefel, Alderperson Ryan Sorenson, and Julie Vandersteen.

Others present: Mayor Mike Vandersteen, members from the Friends of Peace Park Sheboygan.

Members excused: Trent Rammer.

Members unexcused: None.

Elections: Rich Miesfeld has unanimously been voted as Chairperson, Julie Vandersteen has unanimously been voted as Vice-Chairperson.

Correspondence: Mike Vandersteen recently spoke with Anne Keckonen and she said that Jutta is considering visiting us during Esslingen Fest in 2019. Sarah Schwefel presented information about the Brat Days Charity Challenge which would consist of providing five volunteers for 4 -hour shifts. The committee will not be pursuing this. People To People extend their appreciation for the \$500 donation from the Mayor s International Committee for the purpose of a stipend for the exchange students when they visit Chicago this summer.

Minutes: Motion made by Yolanda Graf, seconded by Henry Schoen to approve minutes of April 5, 2018 meeting; motion passes.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

Presentation from Friends of Peace Park Sheboygan. There will be an area of the Peace Park designated as the Sister City Gardens. Motion made by Ald. Ryan Sorenson, seconded by Yolanda Graf to approve helping the group with this portion of the park; motion passes. Volunteer sign-up for beverage stand at JMKAC concerts Thursday, July 26 and Thursday, August 9. The sign-up sheet was passed around. Volunteer sign-up for beverage stand at "Picnic on the Green" Saturday, July 28. The sign-up sheet was passed around. Exchange Student Brat Fry Sunday, August 12 at Deland Home. A sign-up sheet will be available at the June MIC meeting. Esslingen Fest Sunday, October 14, 2018 at 3 Sheeps. Ald. Ryan

Sorenson will be in charge of advertising; Sarah Schwefel will be in charge of getting the raffle tickets and flyers created. Julie Vandersteen and Sarah Schwefel have drafted a fundraising request letter which will be available for the committee to review by the June 7 meeting. Molly Dewane and Mike Vandersteen will provide a list of contact people to send the fundraising letters to; any/all committee members are welcome to provide lists of contact people also. Exchange Student Party Monday, November 12 at Elks Lodge. Jim Graf has reserved the venue and he will inquire about the fee for using the kitchen. Grazia Perrella is planning for the food to be salad, bread, pasta, and tiramisu. Review Committee Guidelines and meeting dates. We will continue to meet on the first Thursday of each month (we will adjust around holidays when necessary). Motion made by Yolanda Graf, seconded by Char Hinze to change the following sentences in the guidelines; motion passes: A member who has two consecutive unexcused absences within 12 months shall be contacted by the Chairperson via mail regarding his/her desire to remain on the Mayor s International Committee. Offices of the Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, and Treasurer shall be elected from the membership of the Mayor s International Committee at the May meeting. Office of the Secretary and Treasurer shall be held by the Mayor s secretary Administrative Assistant. Facebook page for Esslingen Fest and/or Mayor's International Committee. Motion by Tom Michel, second by Jim Graf to change the name of the existing Facebook page from Esslingen Fest to be Mayor's International Committee. Motion passes. Sarah Schwefel will be in charge of this. Discuss relationship with Tsubame Sister City. Grazia Perrella continues to be in communication with them via phone and email. Molly Dewane is interested in serving as an ambassador.

NEXT MEETING DATE: June 7, 2018.

Adjourn: At 6: 20 pm motion by Henry Schoen, seconded by Yolanda Graf to adjourn. Motion passes.