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CITY OF SHEBOYGANMAYOR'S INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEETHursday, April 5, 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, Charlene Hinze, Mark Hinze, Jane Kautzer, Keary Kautzer, Carolyn Miesfeld, Rich Miesfeld, Grazia Perrella, Trent Rammer, Anna Schoen, Henry Schoen, Sarah Schwefel, and Julie Vandersteen.

Others present: Mayor Mike Vandersteen.

Members excused: Yolanda Graf and Tom Michel.

Members unexcused: Alderperson Andrew Schneider.

Correspondence: On February 7, the Mead Public Library sent us copies of postcards they had received from Esslingen children along with the English translations. These are being passed around the room. We received a letter from Dr. Jurgen Zieger dated January 17, 2018 stating that he is in the process of determining if it will be possible for them to visit Sheboygan in 2018. He will let us know when a decision is made. A copy is being passed around the room. Mayor Vandersteen received an email on March 29 from Mandy Potzel at the Consulate General of the Federal Republic of Germany inviting him to the kick-off event for their Year of Germany in the US Deutschlandjahr USA taking place in Indianapolis on October 6 & 7. Mike is considering attending.

Minutes: Motion made by Anna Schoen, seconded by Jim Graf to approve minutes of February 1, 2018 meeting. Motion passes.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION Appointment of new members: Trent Rammer and Tom Michel. Welcome! Consider the possibility of volunteering at beverage tent for one or two JMKAC summer concerts; options are July 12, July 26, Aug. 2, Aug. 9, Aug. 16, and Aug. 23. We have selected July 26 and August 9, we will receive \$500 from JMKAC per date. Sarah will contact Cara at JMKAC to get the details for the shifts and there will be a sign-up sheet at our next MIC meeting. Motion by Henry, seconded by Ruth to approve these dates. Motion passes. Consider the possibility of setting up and running the beverage stand at the "Picnic on the Green" events in partnership with Visit Sheboygan. (Saturday, July 28 and/or Saturday, Aug. 18, 4: 00 - 7: 00 pm). We have selected July 28 and will look into using the wine license from People To People. Grazia is taking the lead on coordinating. Motion by Mark, seconded by Grazia to approve this date. Motion passes. Exchange Student Brat Fry (at Deland Home on Sunday, August 12). Ruth is chairperson, Char will order hardrolls, Mike will order brats, Henry will

pickup the brats, Carolyn will manage the RSVPs. Planning for Esslingen Fest 2018 (possible dates: Sun. Sept. 30 or Sun. Oct. 14). Rich will confirm with 3 Sheeps after the date has been set we are waiting until the Packers schedule is announced to determine which date because we don't want to be on the same day as a Packers game. Motion by Ruth, seconded by Grazia to sell raffle tickets (each MIC member shall sell 10). Motion passes. Motion by Anna, seconded by Char to have the prize levels of the raffle tickets be \$75, \$50, and \$25. Motion passes. Planning for foreign exchange student party (target date is Monday, Nov. 12). Motion by Jim, seconded by Henry to approve the date of November 12 and the venue of Elks Lodge. Motion passes. Discuss possibility of meeting with the Peace Park committee regarding plans to integrate plants from our Sister Cities. Sarah discussed the information that she received on February 6 at the Board of Marina, Park, and Forestry Commissioners meeting where the Peace Park committee did a presentation. One of the items in the plan for the Peace Park involves Sister City plants and signage. Motion by Char, seconded by Trent to invite the Peace Park committee to attend our MIC meeting on May 17 to give a presentation and discuss the possibility of a partnership. Motion passes. Discuss relationship with Tsubame Sister City. Grazia continues to be in communication with them via phone and email. Molly Dewane is interested in serving as an ambassador.

NEXT MEETING DATE: Due to several of the committee members having schedule conflicts on May 3, the next meeting will be on Thursday, May 17, 2018 at 5: 15 pm in the 3 rd Floor Conference Room at City Hall. The tentative plan for future meetings is June 7 and July 12, location is to be determined.

Adjourn: At 6: 32 pm motion by Henry Schoen, seconded by Char Hinze to adjourn. Motion passes. All ayes.