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CITY OF SHEBOYGANMAYOR'S INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEETHursday, January 4, 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: Julie Vandersteen, Sarah Schwefel, James Graf, Yolanda Graf, Anna Schoen, Grazia Perrella, Henry Schoen, Charlene Hinze, Mark Hinze, Rich Miesfeld, and Carolyn Miesfeld.

Others present: Mayor Mike Vandersteen

Members excused: Ruth Gerstner, Randy Schwoerer, and Germaine Schwoerer.

Members unexcused: Alderperson Andrew Schneider, Jane Kautzer, and Keary Kautzer.

Correspondence: We received three Christmas/New Years cards from Esslingen: Jutta Fahrion & Cornelia Schafer, Dr. Markus Raab, and Dr. Jurgen Zieger.

MINUTES: Motion made by Charlene Hinze, seconded by Yolanda Graf to approve minutes of October 5, 2017 meeting. All ayes.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTIONFinal numbers on Esslingen Fest: A spreadsheet of the income and expenses was distributed to the meeting attendees, it showed a net profit of \$3,831.04. The committee is aiming for goal of \$5,000 profit for the 2018 fest. In 2018 we will spend more on Facebook advertising and less on print advertising (The Sun). We would like to reach out to corporate sponsors this year. Rich Miesfeld volunteered to contact 3 Sheeps to reserve the venue -- aiming for Sunday, Sept. 30 or Sunday, Oct. 14 (date will depend on what the Packers schedule is which we won't know until springtime). Mary sent the bronze plaque to Esselingen and confirmed that it was received. A question was raised about if the delegation from Esslingen will be visiting us in 2018 -- we hope to have an update for our February meeting.

Recap on foreign exchange student party: It took place on Monday, Nov. 13 at the Elks Club and was well-attended and the program went smoothly. For the 2018 party we would like to reserve the Elks Club no later than August and we need to confirm that they will provide the soda -- Sarah will have this on her to-do list -- tentative event date will be Monday, Nov. 12. Grazia is interested in looking into cooking the food for the 2018 event -- she will take the lead on looking into options for a pasta buffet and getting bread donated from Cousins Subs.

Discuss relationship with Tsubame sister city: The last exchange delegation that took place was in the 1990 s. Mayor Mike is providing Molly's contact info to Grazia so that they can discuss rekindling the relationship (Molly is from Manitowoc and has experience with their Sister City in Japan). Molly had suggested doing an artwork exchange. We will also be sending a New Year s card to Tsubame albeit belated (this is on Sarah's to-do list and she will schedule a reminder for future years to send cards in early December). Julie has volunteered to contact Bill and Pam Gottsacker regarding the experience they have with Tsubame and possibly invite them to attend one of our future committee meetings so they can share their information with us.

NEXT MEETING DATE: February 1, 2018 at 5: 15 pm in the 3 rd Floor Conference Room at City Hall

Adjourn: At 5: 43 pm motion by Henry Schoen, seconded by Yolanda Graf to adjourn. All ayes.