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CITY OF SHEBOYGANMAYOR'S INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEEWednesday, December 1, 2021

Chairperson Rich Miesfeld called the meeting to order at 5: 15 pm in Conference Room 106 at City Hall (828 Center Avenue, Sheboygan) and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Members present: Mayor Ryan Sorenson, Sarah Schwefel, Annie King-Close, Dana Elmzen, Carolyn Miesfeld, Rich Miesfeld, Tony Rammer, Dane Schaefer, Pete Janssen, Nick Laurie, and Deb Sabol-Williams.

Members not in attendance: Alderperson Betty Ackley, Monica Hart, Cole Phillips, and Deidre Martinez.

Guests in attendance: Mary Koczan and Alderperson Dean Dekker.

Correspondence: Jasmine from Esslingen sent an email to us asking about any help with contacting someone from the Becker family who lives in Esslingen and has relatives in Wisconsin that they lost touch with. Our staff suggested they reach out to the Sheboygan County Historical Research Center and/or the Wisconsin Historical Society.

Minutes: Motion to approve minutes of November 4, 2021 meeting; all ayes and motion passes.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

Trip to Esslingen: May 16 - 27, 2022. Geri Hiebing is currently working on flight arrangements and we expect to hear from her soon about that. Those who indicated in the interest form that they wanted to do the cruise have already gotten that booked and paid a deposit. Ryan stated that there are about 40 people who indicated interest in participating in the trip. Katrin and Jasmine have plenty of ideas about activities that we can do in Esslingen while we are there. We will be carrying over approximately \$5,000 from the Mayor s Office 2021 budget and it will be going into the International Committee s budget for 2022 that we can use toward the stipend for the committee members. We will plan to give a financial report update at an upcoming MIC meeting. Esslingen Sister City updates. We continue to stay in touch regularly especially with discussions about the upcoming trip. Tsubame Sister City updates and sub-committee. Ryan brought an official document that outlines the 10 Point Proposal for Social and Economic Friendship that was put in place for the Sister City relationship in 1996. Rich asked about scanning the document and posting it online, Sarah will take care of doing that. Annie and Ryan discussed planning to do a group Zoom meeting in January or February this would work out well with the timing of our meeting because while it is the end of the day for us, it is the beginning of the day for Tsubame. Ryan is working on a plaque

to recognize the 25 -year anniversary of our relationship that he will be sending to Tsubame. Get-together for high school exchange students: Dec. 1, 6: 00 pm at City Hall. Sarah reported that there are 10 exchange students: 7 from North High and 3 from South High. Dana brought an array of snacks and charcuterie for the event, so we will be assembling all of that in the Council Chambers right after this meeting.

NEXT MEETING DATE: January 6, 2022.

Adjourned at 5: 29 pm.

Decorate City Hall Christmas Tree.