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CITY OF SHEBOYGANMAYOR'S INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEETHursday, October 7, 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, Pete Janssen, Annie King-Close, Carolyn Miesfeld, Rich Miesfeld, Tony Rammer, Cole Phillips, Deb Sabol-Williams, and Deidre Martinez.

Members not in attendance: Alderperson Betty Ackley, Monica Hart, Dana Elmzen, Nick Laurie, and Dane Schaefer.

Guests in attendance: Mary Koczan

Correspondence: None.

Minutes: Motion to approve minutes of September 2, 2021 meeting; all ayes and motion passes.

#### ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

Esslingen Fest Sunday, October 10, 2021. Rich has been in frequent communication with Justin and James at 3 Sheeps with regard to logistics of the venue for placement of the raffle basket tables, the food tables, and the bake sale tables. Sarah spoke to Jason Harrison from DPW today regarding the extension cords we need, he will provide them as well as he will coordinate the delivery of the grills and tables. There will be 4 roasters in the serving line and 2 roasters for the food prep area. Carolyn mentioned to anyone who is providing baked items if they have nuts then the person donating it must label it accordingly. Esslingen Sister City updates. Mayor Sorenson visited Esslingen September 22 - 26, he presented a PowerPoint with photos from his trip. Trip to Esslingen in 2022. Dana and Carolyn met with Geri at Travel Leaders recently and got information about two options for river cruises, this info was emailed to the MIC members. Full headcount is needed by November 15. Proof of COVID vaccination will be required. We don t have a specific date but it will be after Mother s Day and before Memorial Day. We would have about 3 days in Esslingen and 4 - 5 days on a river cruise. Mayor Sorenson will work on setting exact dates and from there we will request for MIC members to state whether or not they will participate. Tsubame Sister City updates and sub-committee. Annie said that their sub-committee met earlier this week and discussed next steps they would like to do another virtual meeting as a follow-up to the virtual meeting the Mayor Sorenson did a couple months ago. Mayor Sorenson said that when he did it on July 29 it was 6: 00 pm here and 8: 00 am in Tsubame, so we could do that in December or January. An idea for

program would be for elementary school students to exchange art and music. Mayor Sorenson would like to send a gift to Tsubame. Promoting other Sheboygan international relationships. Pete suggested an idea of doing a quarterly flyer geared towards informing our Sister Cities about what s happening in Sheboygan. Mary mentioned that the Sheboygan Press does feature interest stories, one that they did recently was about dialects. She suggested that The Sun and/or The Beacon might be interested in featuring the MIC as a feature story. Annie suggested an idea of using Visit Sheboygan s videos and sharing them with our Sister Cities. Carolyn suggested asking the Kiwanis Club if they d be interested in being involved. Future plans and ideas. Mary Koczan mentioned that the Friends of Peace Park Sheboygan just finished their 11 Days of Peace event, they haven t done that event for five years, so they were happy to bring it back. They don t plan to do the event again in 2022 because it is a lot of work for their small committee, but they still want to celebrate International Day of Peace on September 21 each year possibly there will be a collaboration with JMKAC.

NEXT MEETING DATE: November 4, 2021.

Adjourned at 6: 10 pm.