

*****ATTACHMENTS*****

**CITY OF SHEBOYGAN
MAYOR'S INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE MINUTES
Thursday, June 1, 2017**

Chair Julie Vandersteen called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Members present: Julie Vandersteen, Mary Rajer, Henry Schoen, Anna Schoen, Rich Miesfeld, Charlene Hinze, Mark Hinze, Ruth Gertsner, Germaine Schwoerer, Randy Schwoerer, Grazia Perrella

Others present: Mayor Mike Vandersteen, Anneliese Finke

Members excused: Jim Graf, Yolanda Graf, Keary Kautzer, Jane Kautzer and Carolyn Miesfeld

Members unexcused: Ald. Andrew Schneider

Minutes: Motion by Henry Schoen, seconded by Char Hinze to approve minutes of May 4, 2017 meeting. All ayes.

Correspondence: Email from Anneliese Finke, Library Assistant at Mead Public Library, sharing her idea for the libraries of two sister cities of Esslingen and Sheboygan to have a relationship as well. She is asking our committee to help her get in contact with the Esslingen library and support her efforts. Motion by Anna Schoen, second by Randy Schwoerer to assist Anneliese in making contact and support involvement with library program. All ayes. Mary had previously sent this email to Pauline Hejl in Esslingen and she will follow-up to see if there has been a response to Pauline from the Esslingen library.

OLD BUSINESS

2017 Trip to Esslingen - Everyone who went agreed it was a fantastic trip to Esslingen; they kept us busy with fun things to see and do but gave us enough free time for shopping and exploring on our own too. Everyone had a blast on our day trip to Rothenburg and the following day was the big celebration of our 50th Anniversary of being sister cities. The fire department treated us to a special day of fun and then served us a delicious meal to bid us farewell the next day. We are blessed to have Esslingen for a sister city. Everyone was also pleased with our tour guide and choice of tours for Salzburg and Vienna. Julie sent around paper for people if they wanted to make comments to be sent to our travel agent.

Esslingen Fest - Esslingen Fest is scheduled for Sunday, October 1 at 3 Sheeps Brewery and Taproom. The committee discussed getting raffle licenses to be used for the basket raffles and 50/50 raffles as well as having tickets printed for presales to sell at \$1.00 each that will be good for .50 cents going toward food purchase and a raffle prize of \$25, \$50, and \$100. A motion was made by Henry, seconded by Randy have 600 - 750 raffle tickets printed. Each committee member will be responsible for selling at least 20 tickets. If you purchase the tickets yourself you cannot use them yourself, you must give them to other people to come to the event to use. Randy will contact Ryan Kautzer to see if he is available to perform at the event. Rich will check with Jim at 3 Sheeps on where the new tanks will be located so we know how much room we will have to set up.

Levitt Amp Concerts - The committee signed up to work two concerts on August 10 and 17.

The sign up sheet was passed around incase anyone forgot what night they signed up for. Another reminder will be given at our August meeting.

Bookworm Gardens - Bookworm Gardens had asked our committee if we would be willing to allow them to use our alcohol license for two events this summer as well as submit the paperwork to the City Clerk's office with a \$20 fee, coordinate the purchase of beer and wine with staff from Bookworm and (optional) assist in the bar or be event greeters. After a discussion a motion was made by Henry, seconded by Randy to decline the invitation to participate in their fundraiser. All ayes.

NEW BUSINESS

The mayor proposed a new fundraising opportunity to the committee. The American Wind Symphony (40 musicians) will be performing on a barge in the river on Saturday, July 1. The event is being sponsored by Tourism and U.S. Bank. The committee could sell beverages and food at Rotary Riverview Park. A motion was made by Randy, seconded by Henry to serve beer, wine, soft drinks, water and snacks. All ayes, motion carried. They will look into getting a beverage cooler unit from 3 Sheeps.

Henry reminded everyone of the exchange student picnic on August 13 at Deland Home. Our committee will supply the brats, burgers, rolls, condiments, soda, and water. The mayor will check into getting the meat donated. Randy will check into having Johnston's Bakery donate the rolls. We need to find out if there is a grill at this location. Grazia offered to have cheese donated.

Grazia Perrella offered to contact our sister city in Tsubame, Japan to see if they would like to continue as our sister city. Our last contact with them was in 2014 when Mayor Vandersteen wrote a letter to the mayor there expressing his desire to continue a sister city relationship but the letter was never responded to. We have also sent Christmas cards. A motion was made by Randy, seconded by Henry to have Grazia reach out to Tsubame, Japan. All ayes.

NEXT MEETING DATE: July 6, 2017

ADJOURN: Motion by Rich, second by Henry. Meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.