

**MINUTES
MAYOR'S INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE
MEETING OF FEBRUARY 16, 2010**

Present: Astor Vatland, Dorothy Goelzer, Jim Graf, Yolanda Graf, Don Silvis, Anna Schoen and Mary Rajer

Excused: Fran Burg, Jean Kittelson, Pam Gottsacker

Absent: Jim Theodorff, Dick Laible

Call to Order: Jim Graf called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

Pledge of Allegiance: The committee stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes: On a motion by Anna, second by Yolanda, the minutes from the January 12, 2010 meeting were approved. All ayes.

OLD BUSINESS:

Trip to Esslingen – There is still plenty of room for people to sign up for the trip to Esslingen. Mary sent information to all former exchange students from a list obtained from People to People. She also sent a press release to the Sheboygan Press, Beacon and radio stations.

Foreign Exchange Student Party – comments or suggestions – The party was not as well attended as expected due to inclement weather. About 70 of the 100 people expected showed up. It was felt that even with 30 fewer people than planned there was not enough food. The last person served was a committee member and there was only a very small amount of some of the food items left. If all the people would have showed up there would have been complaints this year of not enough food again. When there is a buffet with a lot of teenagers they go back for seconds and they can consume quite a bit. The committee was charged for 106 people served at \$10.00 per person. It was suggested that next year we might try a sit down meal so we don't have to worry about running out of food or maybe try a different place or go back to pizza.

NEW BUSINESS:

Committee contribution for trip to Esslingen – Fran had previously brought up the question through an email to Chairman Graf about members of boards and commissions taking action on anything that may lead to a financial benefit for them or members of their immediate family. They turned the question over to City Attorney Steve McLean as to how the International Committee should determine the committee member's contribution for this trip. Atty. McLean said that abstention by a committee member who is planning to take the trip would be advisable. In addition, that member

should refrain from any part of the discussion of that item. Jean Kittelson is the only committee member who is signed up to go on the trip and she was not at the meeting. Mary Rajer said she would abstain from any discussion because she was not 100% sure she was not going.

Yolanda made a motion that the Committee By Laws be amended to include that the committee would contribute the down payment amount to each committee member traveling as part of a sister city tour hosted by our mayor. Second by Dorothy. Six ayes - one abstention (Mary).

Dorothy made a motion that the committee contributes the deposit (\$900) for the Esslingen trip for committee members going on the trip hosted by Mayor Ryan, as well as pay for the cost of the entire trip (\$3,178) for Mayor Ryan. Second by Yolanda. Six ayes – one abstention (Mary). This is money the committee has collected through its fundraisers and no taxpayer money is used.

Video presentation for Esslingen trip – Mary asked for volunteers to edit tapes taken when the delegation from Esslingen visited Sheboygan back in 2007. After the tapes are edited down to a length of 10-15 minutes, Dieter will provide a German narration. We will then make a suitable number of DVD's to take along as gifts on the trip in May. Dorothy said she will work on the project and ask Jean Kittelson to help her.

Fountain Park Concerts – The concerts for this summer have been scheduled by the Planning and Development Department. Chad Pelishek inquired if our committee would like to sell beverages and/or food at any of the concerts. After a discussion it was decided we would choose Copper Box (8/20) and Music Jar (7/16). We would like to get the complete cost information on tent, security, etc. before making the final decision.

Faye's Pizza fundraiser – Chairman Graf asked that this item be held until the next meeting.

Next Meeting date –The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 9, 2010 at 5:20 p.m. in the 3rd Floor Conference Room at City Hall.

Adjournment: There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Yolanda and seconded by Dorothy. All ayes – motion carried.

Submitted by:
Mary Rajer, Secretary