

MINUTES
MAYOR'S INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE
MEETING OF JUNE 1, 2011

Present: Jim Graf, Yolanda Graf, Anna Schoen, Henry Schoen, Jane Kautzer, Keary Kautzer and Mary Rajer

Excused: Don Silvis, Jean Kittelson

Absent: Pam Gottsacker & Jim Theodorff

Call to Order: Jim Graf called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. in the 3rd Floor Conference Room at City Hall.

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

Approval of Minutes: On a motion by Keary, second by Yolanda, the minutes from the May 25, 2011 meeting were approved. All ayes.

Election of Officers: Mary made a motion to keep all officers as they now stand, second by Anna. All ayes – motion carried. Officers are: Chairman – Jim Graf, Vice Chairman – Jean Kittelson, Treasurer – Yolanda Graf, Secretary – Mary Rajer.

Correspondence: No new correspondence since the last meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Planning for German Delegation visit – Our visitors will arrive in one month and they are anxious to receive a program of the activities we have planned for them. They will arrive in Chicago on June 30th and will spend a few days there. We will send a bus to pick them up at their hotel on Sunday, July 3rd. They would like to stop at the Milwaukee Museum of Art on the way to Sheboygan. A welcome reception/dinner will be held that evening at Latitude 43 at Blue Harbor Resort (which is where they will be staying). After dinner they can enjoy the bands playing on South Pier and the Venetian Boat Parade.

On July 4th they want to be in the parade (Mary to confirm). After the parade we will have a picnic dinner at Deland Community Center. From there our guests are free to enjoy the festivities planned at Deland Park and South Pier, followed by a viewing of the Big Bang Fireworks from the Island Room at Blue Harbor.

July 5th will be their last day here. We are still finalizing plans and will check with our visitors to see if they would like some free time to spend shopping or take a tour of the Wade House, the Henning Cheese Factory, Bookworm Gardens, or we could take them to Elkhart Lake and rent a pontoon boat for part of the day. That evening we will have their farewell dinner after the Common Council meeting is done. Anna will see if the Upstairs of Highland House is available.

Once all our times and plans are firmed up we will be inviting the members from People to People and others who joined us when we went to Germany last year to participate in any of our planned events. Concordia Singers will also be invited to sing and attend the farewell dinner (Dutch treat).

Gifts for the visitors will be purchased. Some ideas were note cards from a local artist and Packer themed gifts.

Concerts in the Park – Our first concert will be on Thursday, June 23rd for Amos Moses & the Factory Farmers. It was decided that the committee would sell Sloppy Joes, Hot Dogs, Coney Dogs and assorted chips as well as beer, wine coolers, soda, and water. The band plays from 6:30 to 9:30. Members should report to Fountain Park by 4:45 to help with set-up.

Japanese student host families – Pam has not contacted the committee with any new information. We still do not know whether or not the students are coming this summer.

Donation request from Tsubame/Sheboygan Student Goodwill Mission – The Tsubame/Sheboygan Student Goodwill Mission is requesting that we give them a donation that they will give to the City of Tsubame. The members felt if a donation is made it should be directly from our committee. A motion was made by Henry and seconded by Yolanda to direct Mary to contact Tsubame City for an update on the current situation and to see if they are accepting donations. A decision on a donation will be put on hold until the next meeting. All ayes – motion carries. Mary will also inquire regarding the summer student exchange.

NEW BUSINESS: none

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

Submitted by:
Mary Rajer, Secretary