

**MINUTES
MAYOR'S INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE
MEETING OF JUNE 8, 2010**

Present: Jim Graf, Yolanda Graf, Jean Kittelson, Pam Gottsacker, Anna Schoen and Mary Rajer

Excused: Don Silvis

Absent: Jim Theodorff

Others Present: Mayor Bob Ryan

Call to Order: Jim Graf called the meeting to order at 5:17 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 Pam, second by Yolanda, the minutes from the May 11, 2010 meeting were approved. All ayes.

Correspondence: Mayor Ryan received a letter from Tsutomu Suzuki, Mayor of City of Tsubame. He was elected as mayor on April 23rd. His slogan is: "Tsubame – The city that united". He said they are making plans to welcome the students from Sheboygan this summer. He hopes to continue the strong bond between Sheboygan and Tsubame for a long time to come.

OLD BUSINESS:

Trip to Esslingen and Sister City Relationship – Members from the Mayor's International Committee that recently returned from a trip to Esslingen reported that it was a very worthwhile journey with many new friendships made as well as many old friendships renewed. It was suggested that Mary write up a report to be submitted to Council detailing our group's activities.

Discussion regarding Tsubame Sister City Relationship – Pam said that this will be the last year that she and Lynn Thompson will be working with the Tsubame Youth Group and chaperoning the students. They have been handling the exchange program on their own ever since the Sheboygan Area School District dropped it. Mayor Ryan would still like to continue our sister city relationship and is interested in mutual visits of official delegations between our two cities. The mayor's office will send a letter to Tsubame's new mayor supporting our sister city relationship and congratulating him on his successful election. We will also suggest mutual visits in the near future.

Fountain Park Concerts – The committee will be selling beverages during two concerts at Fountain Park this summer – July 16th – Music Jar, and August 20th –

Copper Box. Both concerts are from 6:30 – 9:30 PM. Members should be at the park by 5:00 PM for set-up. Mary will check with Chad Pelishek to see where Tourism ordered the beverages from last year. A sign-up sheet was passed around.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion regarding Mission Statement – it was felt that it might be time to update our Mission Statement to illustrate a clearer representation of what our committee's purpose is. Mary will work on a draft to present to the committee at future meeting.

4th of July Brat Fry – The committee decided that it would sell brats, burgers and hot dogs at Deland Park on July 3rd during the Independence Day celebration. Mary will check with Johnsonville to see if we can buy the brats and hot dogs at a reduced rate. We will meet again on June 22nd at 5:15 to complete the planning for this event. A sign-up sheet was passed around. The mayor will try to find some volunteers to help out.

Next Meeting date and agenda items –The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 13, 2010 at 5:15 p.m. in the 3rd Floor Conference Room at City Hall. We will finalize our plans for selling beverages and/or food in Fountain Park on July 16th and discuss our mission statement.

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

Submitted by:
Mary Rajer, Secretary