

**MINUTES
MAYOR'S INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE
MEETING OF JUNE 21, 2011**

Present: Jim Graf, Yolanda Graf, Anna Schoen, Henry Schoen, Jane Kautzer, Keary Kautzer and Mary Rajer - Jean Kittelson arrived at 6:30

Excused: Pam Gottsacker, Don Silvis

Absent: Jim Theodorff

Call to Order: Jim Graf called the meeting to order at 5:20 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 Yolanda, second by Keary, the minutes from the June 1, 2011 meeting were approved. All ayes.

Correspondence: An email was received from Fumiaki Tamura, Tsubame City Office on the status of Tsubame city and the exchange program. The city is housing 144 people who were evacuated from Fukushima prefecture on May 24th. Tsubame city is included in the area with scheduled rolling blackouts but they have not had any blackouts in the Tsubame area since March 11th. Tsubame city office set up a donation fund for sufferers from this earthquake, tsunami and nuclear power plant disaster. The donations as of May 29th are \$1,158,677.77 USD. The student exchange will continue as planned. They will send 8 students and Mr. Kawakami who is city staff as a chaperon this summer. They will arrive in Sheboygan for home stays on July 26th and leave for Chicago on August 5th and arrive back in Japan on August 6th.

OLD BUSINESS:

Planning for German Delegation visit – Details for the itinerary were reviewed. The mayor and his wife will greet our eight visitors in Chicago and travel with them for a visit to the Milwaukee Art Museum before their arrival at the Blue Harbor Resort on July 3rd. A welcome reception/dinner will be held that evening at Latitude 43°. The remainder of the evening will be free for enjoying the bands and Venetian Night on South Pier.

On July 4th the Esslingen Delegation will participate in the parade. 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. Jon and Ann Keckonen have invited the group for brunch. After brunch they will tour our City Police Department, Fire Department and Wastewater Treatment Plant. The Council will meet early that evening in order to attend the Farewell Dinner planned at Highland House following the Council meeting. Concordia Singers will stop in to sing for the group.

Airport Connections will pick the group up at 11:00 a.m. at Blue Harbor for their 4:35 departure from Chicago O'Hare.

Concert in the Park on June 23 – While discussing plans for our food/beverage stand during the concert this week, we realized that the bicycle race would be going on at the same time and the roads surrounding Fountain Park would be closed to traffic, thus hindering our delivery and set-up of our tents, coolers, beverages, food, etc. After a discussion a motion was made by Yolanda, second by Henry to cancel our food and beverage stand for the June 23rd concert. We will reschedule for another concert. All ayes – motion carried.

Donation request from Tsubame/Sheboygan Student Goodwill Mission – The Tsubame/Sheboygan Student Goodwill Mission requested that we give them a donation that they will give to the City of Tsubame. Last month Mary was directed by the committee to contact Tsubame City for an update on the current situation and to see if they are accepting donations. The response from Tsubame is explained under “Correspondence” in this month’s minutes. After a discussion, a motion was made by Jane, second by Henry to deny the request at this time and revisit if necessary at a later date. All ayes – motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS: none

Date and time of next meeting: Tuesday, June 28, 2011 @ 5:15 in the 3rd Floor Conference Room.

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

Submitted by:
Mary Rajer, Secretary