

**MINUTES
MAYOR'S INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE
MEETING OF APRIL 25, 2012**

Present: Jim Graf, Yolanda Graf, Jean Kittelson, Jane Kautzer, Anna Schoen, Henry Schoen, Sue Van Akkeren, Ald. Jodi Vander Weele and Mary Rajer

Excused: Keary Kautzer and Don Silvis

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.

Introduction of new committee members: An introduction of all committee members by themselves was made. Ald. Jodi Vander Weele and Sue Van Akkeren were welcomed as new members.

Approval of Minutes: On a motion by Yolanda, second by Anna, the minutes from the March 20, 2012 meeting were approved. All ayes – motion carried.

Election of Officers: By unanimous ballot Jim Graf was elected Chairman; Jean Kittelson was elected Vice-Chairman, Yolanda Graf as Treasurer and Mary Rajer as Secretary.

Correspondence: none

NEW BUSINESS:

Review Committee Guidelines: The committee guidelines were distributed and will be reviewed by members. Discussion and approval of guidelines will be on the agenda for the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Visit from Esslingen Firefighters:

Tentative schedule:

| DATE | TIME | |
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| May 27 | 7:04 PM | Pick up at Milwaukee Mitchell – Delta Flight #766 Go Riteway (Mini Coach – 33px) Drop off at Blue Harbor Resort |
| May 28 | 8:00 AM 11:00? After program at Fountain Park | Pick up at Blue Harbor for Memorial Day Parade participation Bus take group from Fountain Park to King Park for brat fry/picnic (hosted by International Committee) Return to Blue Harbor at approximately 2:30? |
| May 29 | 8:15 AM 9:00-11:30 11:30 3:00 | Pick up at Blue Harbor – Fire Station #3 Stokes basket evolution, Maze (Station#3) Esslingen Firefighters will return to stations in groups of 3-4 and have lunch with crews followed by in station activities. Pick up Firefighters at stations. Station activities – Tours of station and Rig, Fire Inspections, Review operations and answer questions. |

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| May 30 | 9:15 AM 11:00 12:30 | Pick up at Blue Harbor – Station #3 tour Police Department tour Lunch at 8 th Street Ale Haus Afternoon free time |
| May 31 | 8:00 AM 8:20 8:30-11:30 11:30-12:30 1:00 2:30 4:00 5:45 6:00 | Pick up at Blue Harbor – Drop off at Kohler Design Center Check in at Design Center for factory tour Tour of Kohler Company – <u>Must wear enclosed footwear – no cameras or recorders allowed.</u> Kohler Design Center Lunch at Blackwolf Run Tour of U.S. Coast Guard Station (must confirm) Return to Blue Harbor Bus pick up Farewell dinner at Elks Club (hosted by International Committee) |
| June 1 | 9:30 AM 10:30 approx. | Pick up at Blue Harbor by Go Riteway Transportation Arrive at Milwaukee Art Museum – Continue on to Congress Plaza Hotel – downtown Chicago |

The Mayor and Sue Van Akkeren are planning to greet our visitors at the airport in Milwaukee.

The director of transit did get Federal approval to use a city bus for visitor transportation within the bus route limits.

Sue will check on a source for discounted brats and hot dogs for the fry on Memorial Day. She also will check on getting a discount on hard rolls. Yolanda will check with Festival Foods for a discount on salads and other supplies. The alderpersons and department heads will receive invitations to the brat fry.

It was also suggested that perhaps the Hmong community would enjoy the Esslingen group joining them at Deland Park for their festivities. Sue will check with the mayor for his opinion. Mary will send an email to committee members with the mayor's thoughts on this.

The committee decided on the Elks Club for a farewell dinner (2 meat buffet \$14.50 includes tax and tip). We will bring in our own cake. Concordia Gesangverein will sing at the event and our committee will donate \$100 to the group. We will invite the alderpersons and a few people from People to People. All dinners will be paid for by our committee – cash bar.

The committee will work on getting “welcome baskets/bags” put together for our visitors.

Schedule next meeting: The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 26th at 5:15 p.m. in the 2nd Floor Conference Room.

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

Submitted by:
Mary Rajer, Secretary