

MINUTES
MAYOR'S INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE
MEETING OF MAY 14, 2013

Members Present: Jane Kautzer, Keary Kautzer, Anna Schoen, Henry Schoen, Don Silvis, Sue Kirchner, Ruth Gerstner, Fran Burg, Al Kuether, Barb Kuether and Mary Rajer

Excused: Jim Graf, Yolanda Graf, Julie Vandersteen, Ald. Kevin Matichek and Mai Xiong

Call to Order: Mary Rajer 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 members: The committee welcomed new members Sue Kirchner, Ruth Gerstner, Fran Burg, and Al and Barb Kuether. Unable to attend tonight's meeting, the committee looks forward to welcoming new member Julie Vandersteen at our meeting in June.

Approval of Minutes: On a motion by Henry, second by Keary, the minutes from the March 12, 2013 meeting were approved. All ayes – motion carried.

Election of Officers: By unanimous ballot, Jim Graf was elected as Chairman, Henry Schoen as Vice Chairman, and Yolanda Graf as Treasurer. As part of her official job duties as Administrative Assistant to the Mayor, Mary Rajer will serve as Secretary to the committee.

Correspondence: Mayor Vandersteen received a letter from Oberburgermeister Dr. Jurgen Zieger, from our sister city Esslingen Am Neckar, Germany, congratulating the mayor on his successful election. The committee expressed interest in visiting Esslingen and asked the mayor when he would like to go. He said he was ready if a trip could be arranged and our sister city was open to the idea. Mary will email Jutta to see if May 2014 would be a good time for a visit.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion and Approval of Committee Guidelines:

All members received a copy of the committee "Guidelines". Mary explained a little bit of the history of the committee, that it was originally formed in 1971 and named the "Special Sister City Exchange Program Committee" which consisted of seven members. No purpose or goals were ever stated in the resolution authorizing the establishment of the committee. Over the years the composition of the committee changed several times. In 1983 the name of the committee was changed to the Mayor's Special International Committee, and in 2005 the "Special" was dropped and the committee was renamed Mayor's International Committee. Mary felt that Sister City Committee better described the true function of the committee and put the idea of changing name out for members to consider. Because several members of the committee were not at the meeting, including the Chairman, Anna made a motion to hold this item until the next committee meeting. Second by Don. All ayes – motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Committee Fundraisers:

Current fundraisers planned for this summer include selling food and beverages at three concerts at Fountain Park: Jerry Schneider Band on June 19th, Dorf Kappelle on July 3rd, and John Roehl Orchestra on July 24th. Henry checked into the possibility of selling Nicky's pizza as an option. We could buy the 10" pizzas for \$8.00 each. Nicky's would deliver the pizzas and supply the warming stations. We will be frying brats for the Dorf Kappelle concert. Mary will look into permits and requirements of the Health Department for our events.

There is the possibility our committee will have the chance to host the beer concession stand at Deland Park on the 4th of July if the Jaycees decide not to. A discussion was had to see if we would have the manpower if the opportunity became available. A motion was made by Don, second by Fran, to accept the 4th of July beer sales if offered. All ayes – motion carries.

Sign-up sheets were distributed for members to sign up for all four events.

Schedule next meeting: The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 11 at 5:15 p.m. in the 3rd Floor Conference Room.

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

Submitted by:
Mary Rajer, Secretary