

**MINUTES**  
**MAYOR'S INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE**  
**MEETING OF AUGUST 13, 2013**

**Members Present:** Keary Kautzer, Henry Schoen, Don Silvis, Julie Vandersteen, Ald. Kevin Matichek, Ruth Gerstner, Fran Burg, Al Kuether, Barb Kuether, Mai Xiong and Mary Rajer

**Excused:** Anna Schoen, Jim Graf, Yolanda Graf, Jane Kautzer and Sue Kirchner

**Call to Order:** Vice Chairman Schoen called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. in the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 Don, second by Fran, the minutes from the July 9, 2013 meeting were approved.

**Correspondence:** Mary received an email from Jutta Fahrion regarding the committee's visit to Esslingen in May 2014. Details of email explained below under "Trip to Esslingen".

Mary received an email from committee member Susan Kirchner stating that she was unable to attend this evenings meeting. Her schedule is changing and she will not be available on Tuesday evenings through the fall. It was unclear whether or not she was resigning or would just be absent for a few months so Mary sent an email asking for clarification.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Lunch for Esslingen students on August 15th:** Judy Slawny from People to People and students visiting our city from Esslingen am Neckar, Germany, will be having lunch with the mayor on August 15<sup>th</sup>. The students are part of an exchange program with middle school students from Sheboygan. Twelve students and two adults will enjoy a Sheboygan brat fry meal at Deland Community Center with the mayor. Henry Schoen will be on hand to fry the brats and help with the lunch. Thank you Henry! Mary will put together gift bags from the International Committee for each of the students and also a thank you gift for the adult chaperones.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Committee Fundraisers:**

The fundraisers held on June 19<sup>th</sup>, July 3<sup>rd</sup> and July 24<sup>th</sup> at Fountain Park raised a total of \$793.25 for the committee. The committee was fortunate to have Johnsonville donate brats and Old Wisconsin Sausage donate hot dogs. Our thanks go out to these two companies for their generous contribution.

**Trip to Esslingen:**

Mary received an email from Jutta Fahrion saying that she has made inquiries at Best Western but it is difficult to get definite prices when one does not yet know how many rooms/persons. She is not satisfied with the offer she received so far from Best Western – it would be over 100 Euros per person per night including breakfast. She hopes to get a better offer; otherwise she might try for a different hotel. She has been promised that very soon she will receive the information from the travel agency regarding travel plans beyond Esslingen. Mayor Vandersteen suggested that Mary email Jutta and tell her that she can plan on a minimum of 20 if that will make the planning easier. As for the members present, the Mayor and Julie Vandersteen, Kevin Matichek, and Henry and Anna Schoen are confirmed for the trip. The mayor also thought Jim and Yolanda Graf could be counted in as confirmed at this time. Others said it is difficult to make a commitment at this time without knowing the full details and cost of trip.

**Schedule next meeting:** The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:15 p.m. in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Conference Room.

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

Submitted by:  
Mary Rajer, Secretary