

**AMENDED MINUTES  
MAYOR'S INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE  
MEETING OF FEBRUARY 4, 2014**

**Members Present:** Ald. Kevin Matichek, Jim Graf, Yolanda Graf, Julie Vandersteen, Al Kuether, Barb Kuether Keary Kautzer, Ruth Gerstner, Anna Schoen, Henry Schoen, Don Silvis and Mary Rajer

**Excused:** Jane Kautzer, Fran Burg and Mai Xiong

**Others in Attendance:** Mayor Vandersteen

**Call to Order:** Chairman Graf 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 Keary, the minutes from the January 15, 2014 meeting were approved with one correction (on who seconded the motion to adjourn). Mary will make the change.

**Correspondence:** Emails from Jane Kautzer and Mai Xiong asking to be excused from the meeting. Email from Pauline Hejl regarding tour options in Esslingen.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Other ideas for fund raisers:** Jim Graf reported that there are openings at the Sheboygan County Fair Grounds to work at the races on Saturday nights as well as at the County Fair over Labor Day weekend. The committee said yes, they would be interested. Jim will get back to the committee with further information.

**Request from People to People:** Committee member Anna Schoen received a call from Judy Slawney of People to People asking if the Mayor's International Committee would consider hosting a welcome picnic on or about August 8<sup>th</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup> for the inbound students from Esslingen. "Hosting" would mean that the committee supply the brats/burgers, buns and manpower to fry out the food. They also want us to make the reservations and pay for the south shelter at Kohler Andrea State Park. There would be 14 students and their host families. Judy estimates there could be about 40 or 50 people.

After a discussion, a motion was made by Julie, second by Anna, that the committee will supply the meat and buns and do the frying but the location will be at one of our city parks. We will try to reserve either Deland Community Center or King Park Pavilion for August 8<sup>th</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup>. All ayes – motion carries.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Trip to Esslingen:** An email from Pauline Hejl was shared with the committee. It gave several different options for tours for one of our days in Esslingen. Pauline will need to know in advance which option to organize.

The committee will pay the entire amount for the mayor's trip (airfare, hotel and tour package) and pay for a portion of the committee member's trips. To keep a balance of \$4,000 in the account, it would be possible to provide each committee member with \$570 towards their trip. A motion was made by Don, second by Al, to approve this amount. The amount will be revisited after the UW Band fundraiser. Ayes – Don, Al, Barb, Ald. Matichek – all other members abstained as they would be receiving payment.

**Foreign Exchange Student Party:** This event will take place on Tuesday, February 11<sup>th</sup> at Jakum's Hall. We are expecting around 65 people this year. Senator Leibham is planning to attend and will once again bring Blue Books as gifts for the students. Committee members should arrive at 5:30, registration is at 6:00 and dinner is at 6:30. The committee will be charged \$9.95 per person plus 15% tip. This will be our 29<sup>th</sup> annual foreign exchange party.

**UW Band Fundraiser:** The date of the concert has been changed to Monday, April 14<sup>th</sup> with the concert beginning 7:00 PM. Committee members should be available beginning that afternoon to help with the fry and to greet the band as they arrive. Main job now is to work on advertising and for members to promote the event.

**Schedule next meeting:** March 12, 2014 at 5:15 in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Conference Room.

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

Submitted by:  
Mary Rajer, Secretary