



City of Racine

City Hall
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Meeting Minutes - Final

Sister City Planning Committee

Wednesday, September 14, 2016

4:30 PM

City Hall Room 307

Call To Order

PRESENT: 10 - Keiko Skow, Alice Peterson, Maricela Tellez, Heather Godley, Al Guetzlaff, Linda Duczman O'Connell, Dwayne Olsen, Tom Kennedy, Francisco Martinez and Dawn Imberi

ABSENT: 1 - Lisa Koenen

EXCUSED: 1 - Michele Caskey

Approval of Minutes for the August 10, 2016 Meeting.

A motion was made that this file be to Approve the Minutes

Treasurer's Report

Acc't #11202-53480 - \$4,464.25

Acc't #20624-11100 - \$1,532.73

Old Business - Covered in Chairman's Report below.

New Business - Covered in Chairman's Report below.

Discussion surrounding Sister School Project (please review SCI information & Silve's response)

Chairman's Report

Policy regarding Sister City gifting and archives - At a recent fund-raising auction at the Racine Public Library, Keiko Skow noticed that one of the items up for bid was a gifted piece of artwork from Aalborg that had been stored at the library. Rev. Guetzlaff informed us that due to lack of storage space at City Hall, some of the gifts we have received in the past have been moved to the library or to the Racine Heritage Museum. In an effort to keep track of the gifts and their location, it was suggested that we create an inventory. Linda O'Connell and Alice Peterson volunteered to generate a catalog of previously gifted items.

Montélimar's project ZOOM – Rev. Guetzlaff circulated a letter from Sister Cities International and forwarded to us from Montélimar. Our French sister city asked to take part in Project ZOOM, a "thematic journal on life in our towns". This SCI project proposes a virtual periodical designed to share various aspects of everyday life. Sister city partners choose a common theme and submit text and images to offer global perspectives. Council members voiced a favorable reaction to the idea, and will communicate this to Montélimar.

Montélimar's response to Sister School project – The Sister School project with Montélimar is still in its formative stage, and Rev. Guetzlaff helped us frame the ongoing discussions with three handouts: one highlighting the background of our partnership with Montélimar, also the response to our original proposal from Alain Silve including his questions and finally a copy of the Sister Schools Toolkit from SCI. Our next step will be to schedule a Skype conference to work out details, such as addressing the concerns in Monsieur Silve's letter. We are eager to emphasize the importance of maintaining and strengthening the current school partnerships and eventually expanding the effort to include students in other age groups. At the conference we hope to invite representatives from the school district and from the municipal government. Rev. Guetzlaff will contact the Montélimar Sister City Council to put the Skype conference on the calendar.

Committee Reports

- Publicity & Information Committee - No report
- Oiso Committee - No report
- Montélimar Committee - No report
- Aalborg Committee - No report
- Zapotlanejo Committee - No report
- Youth Exchange Project - No report

Adjournment - The September meeting adjourned at 5:51 pm. The next meeting will be on Wednesday October 12, 2016