



City of Racine

City Hall
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Meeting Minutes - Final

Sister City Planning Committee

Linda Duczman O'Connell

Dwayne Olsen

Tom Kennedy

Al Guetzlaff

Dawn Imberi

Francisco Martinez

Michele Caskey

Alice Peterson

Keiko Skow

Wednesday, November 8, 2017

4:30 PM

City Hall Room 307

Call To Order

PRESENT: 7 - Linda Duczman O'Connell, Dwayne Olsen, Tom Kennedy, Al Guetzlaff, Francisco Martinez, Michele Caskey and Alice Peterson

EXCUSED: 2 - Dawn Imberi and Keiko Skow

Approval of Minutes for the November 8, 2017 Meeting.

Treasurer's report

Account number 11202-53480 - \$6154.84

Account number 20624-34500-10001 - \$1532.16

Old Business

Franc Martinez reported that several of the ceremonial gifts referenced in the October minutes are now on display at Starbuck Middle School.

New Business

New business items will be covered in the Chairman's Report and Committee Reports in this report.

Chairman's Report

Visit of Amy Moya – Amy Moya is a resident of Montélimar and is currently leading a group of students on a short tour of the United States. She has visited Racine several times in past years and was anxious to meet with some of the sister city members she has befriended. A small group of current and former Council members renewed their friendship with Amy at Wilsons Coffee Shop on October 25.

Hygge Fest – Dave Blank of Real Racine confirms that our participation in Hygge Fest will be postponed for a year. Originally scheduled for February 2018, Hygge Fest was designed to highlight the Danish heritage in our community. We requested that Mr. Blank give us plenty of lead time if he envisions including Aalborg in the festivities.

Ceremonial Gifts – Rev. Guetzlaff reported that our supply of ceremonial gifts will be inventoried by city hall next spring. With the new administration now in place, we will also be attentive to find out from which account any new purchases will be taken.

Committee Reports

Publicity and Information – Linda O'Connell has been added to the Publicity and Information Committee. She and Michele Caskey have been working on an updated version of the sister city brochure. They would like to add photos and testimonials from student participants in exchanges and from Racine families who have hosted foreign guests. The council agreed that this component would make a good public relations and recruitment piece.

Oiso – Keiko Skow forwarded an email she received from Oiso. The message reiterated Oiso's uneasy feelings about continuing student exchanges due to political instability.

Montélimar – The Montélimar committee is working in earnest to plan for the visit of sixteen students from Lycée Alain Borne in April 2018. We are working closely with Racine Unified French teacher Amanda Henkel as we secure host families and establish an itinerary for our French guests. Tom Kennedy has spoken to French classes at Walden and will reach out to teachers in other Racine high schools in an effort to find enough hosts for their week-long stay.

Aalborg – No report

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Adjournment

The November meeting adjourned at 5:17 p. m. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, December 13, 2017 at 4:30 p. m.