



City of Racine

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Meeting Minutes - Final

Sister City Planning Committee

Dwayne Olsen
Dawn Imberi
Michele Caskey
Alice Peterson
Keiko Skow
Tom Kennedy
Francisco Martinez
Linda O'Connell
Al Guetzlaff
Abey Kuruvilla
Heather Godley

Wednesday, June 20, 2018

4:30 PM

City Hall Room 307

Call To Order

PRESENT: 8 - Dawn Imberi, Michele Caskey, Alice Peterson, Keiko Skow, Francisco Martinez, Linda O'Connell, Al Guetzlaff and Abey Kuruvilla
EXCUSED: 3 - Dwayne Olsen, Tom Kennedy and Heather Godley

Guests: Mayor Cory Mason, Larissa Breit-Nicholson

Approval of Minutes for the May 16th, 2018 Meeting.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Report: Account balances read as follows:

Account number 11202-53480 - \$3,845.16

Account number 20624-34500-10001 - \$1,722.16

The 20624-34500-10001 account was increased \$190 as the visitors from Montélimar reimbursed us for half the cost of the Bucks' tickets.

Chairman's Report

Rev. Al noted that dues to Sister City International are due. They are calculated based on the city's population, which means we owe \$790. Linda O'Connell made a motion that we should pay the dues and Michele Caskey seconded. It passed unanimously.

Committee Reports

Publicity and Information - Linda and Michele continue to gather visuals and accompanying texts for the updated Sister City brochure. Michele has identified a designer who will do the layout, but a printer still needs to be found. The city's usual printer told Michele his shop would be too expensive for this project. Michele will let

him know of our city connection to see if that impacts the price. As past mayors have, Mayor Mason has agreed to write a Mayor's Letter for inclusion in the updated brochure.

Oiso – Keiko Skow informed us that host families are still needed for the July visit of one male and two female Japanese students. The group discussed the problem. Rev. Al said he would again take out an ad soliciting host families in the Racine Journal Times. Mayor Mason suggested checking with Rotary. It was also suggested that we contact Scott Young who has arranged housing for AFS students.

Montélimar – Franc Martinez reports two students – one from Park, the other from Case – have been approved for the 2019 Spring break visit to France. Twelve or thirteen additional students have expressed interest in the trip, but there are no outstanding applications. Rev. Al suggested holding one more informational meeting at the public library prior to the beginning of school.

Aalborg – Alice Petersen did not travel to Aalborg during her recent trip to Denmark. Mayor Mason is extremely impressed with what he has learned about that city's energy conservation efforts and thinks Racine could benefit a great deal from the lessons learned by our Danish sister city. Alice Petersen reports a letter to revitalize our relationship has been sent, but we have had no reply so far. It was noted that the format of youth games previously hosted by Aalborg has been changed to include athletes of all ages. The group discussed the possibility of building a visit and a renewed relationship around an environmental and/or athletic connection.

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Old Business

No old business

New Business

No new business.

Adjournment

The June meeting adjourned at 5:27 p.m. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, July 18, 2018.