



# City of Racine

City Hall  
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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*

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Wednesday, July 18, 2018

4:30 PM

City Hall Room 307

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#### Call To Order

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

**ABSENT:** 1 - Abey Kuruvilla

Guests: Mayor Cory Mason, Larissa Bret-Nicholson

#### Approval of Minutes for the June 20, 2018 Meeting.

#### Treasurer's Report

*Account number 11202-53480 - \$4691.94*  
*Account number 20624-34500-10001 - \$1722.16*

#### Chairman's Report

*Aalborg response Recent developments have spurred a flurry of correspondence between Racine and Aalborg. Mayor Mason's interest in Aalborg's repurposed harbor area has led to an inquiry about visiting our Danish partners. These plans are still being negotiated.*

*Rev. Guetzlaff circulated a letter from Mette Pejstrup Kjær of the Aalborg Sister City Council informing us of a youth band which will perform in Chicago this coming October. Mette asks if Racine would like to host the thirty members of this group for a short stay. Rev. Guetzlaff responded affirmatively, and is waiting for further word about arrangements.*

*In addition, Aalborg informs us that they will host the Youth Games in the summer of 2019. We await details about this event and briefly discussed how we could publicize*

*this international competition.*

## **Committee Reports**

*Publicity and Information – Michele Caskey and Linda O'Connell have nearly completed the updated publicity brochure for the Sister City Council. They are narrowing their choices for a local printer.*

*Heather Godley and Michele Caskey reminded council members that any photos of the events surrounding our Oiso visitors should be shared with them so they can be uploaded to our Facebook page.*

*Oiso – The Oiso sub-committee has been busy planning for our young visitors from Oiso. Three high school age students will be hosted by Racine families for two weeks beginning on July 20. Sub-committee members prepared and distributed a document that included the participants and their host families as well as an itinerary including a lengthy list of potential activities for our area. Council members are invited to a welcome lunch on July 23 and a picnic on July 26*

*Montélimar – In another youth-oriented effort, Franc Martinez will continue to recruit and plan for Racine students who want to travel to France in the spring of 2019. The sub-committee plans to hold another meeting for parents and interested students.*

*Aalborg – See information included in the Chairman's Report.*

*Zapotlanejo – No report*

## **Old Business:**

*Michele Caskey continues to compile a master list of Racine families who have hosted guests from our sister cities in the recent past.*

## **New Business:**

*These items have been covered in the Chairman's Report and the Committee Reports.*

## **Adjournment**

*The July meeting adjourned at 5:19 p. m. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, August 15, 2018 at 4:30 p. m*