



City of Racine

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Meeting Minutes - Draft

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
Julie Nelson

Wednesday, October 17, 2018

4:30 PM

City Hall Room 307

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 Julie Nelson

ABSENT: 1 - Abey Kuruvilla

EXCUSED: 1 - Heather Godley

Approval of Minutes for the September 19, 2018 Meeting.

Julie Nelson and Ruby Ward were introduced to the Committee. Julie was recently appointed to the Committee. Ruby is the intern in Mayor Mason's office and occasionally will sit in on our meetings.

Minutes of the September 19th, 2018 meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report

Account balances read as follows:

Account number 11202-53480 - \$3501.12

Account number 20624-34500-10001 - \$1722.16

To replenish the supply of gifts for foreign visitors we will make purchases that will likely bring the balance of the 11202 account to zero by the end of the year.

Chairman's Report

Rev. Guetzlaff brought several gifts from our Danish guests. On October 13, the Sgt. Mariæ Skoles Bigband made the trip to Racine from their gig in Chicago and offered us a short swing band concert. To show their appreciation for our invitation, the young musicians and their adult leaders brought a glass vase and some gourmet chocolates.

Everyone agreed that the chocolates were delectable. There was some discussion about how to display gifts like the vase. A display case at City Hall that used to hold Sister City gifts and realia has been moved, and not all the items can be accounted for. Julie Nelson and Ruby Ward (Mayor's Intern) volunteered to inventory what we have on hand.

Committee Reports

Publicity and Information – The revised Sister City brochure is ready to go to the printer thanks to the persistent efforts of Michele Caskey and Linda O'Connell. An insert from Mayor Mason will accompany the brochure, and the new publicity vehicle should be ready for distribution by the beginning of 2019.

Oiso - Keiko Skow continues to make the council aware of personal connections between Racine and Oiso that started with a Sister City exchange and are still thriving today.

Montélimar – Franc Martinez announced that the student exchange with our French sister city will take place in the spring of 2019. Four (possibly five) Racine students will travel to France from 19 to 28 April next year. Most of their time in France will include a homestay with a families in Montélimar. Informational meetings have been scheduled to keep students and parents updated on the progress of the exchange.

Aalborg - The concert presented by Sct. Mariæ Skoles Bigband in October was well received by those who attended, and the Aalborg sub-committee got favorable reviews for the post-concert reception.

The 2019 Youth Games in Aalborg have been scheduled, and we are anxious to find out details so that we can publicize it for local sports clubs. In a tele-conference that will take place in late October or early November we hope to find out the dates of the games, what sports and activities are involved and the ages of the participants.

Zapotlanejo – No report

Old Business

No old business.

New Business

No new business.

Adjournment

The October meeting adjourned at 5:28 p. m. The next meeting will be at City Hall on Wednesday, November 21, 2018 at 4:30 p. m.