



# 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*

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Wednesday, December 19, 2018

4:30 PM

City Hall Room 307

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#### Call To Order

**PRESENT:** 6 - Michele Caskey, Alice Peterson, Keiko Skow, Tom Kennedy, Francisco Martinez and Linda O'Connell

**ABSENT:** 2 - Abey Kuruvilla and Julie Nelson

**EXCUSED:** 2 - Al Guetzlaff and Heather Godley

#### Approval of Minutes for the November 2018 Meeting.

A motion was made by O'Connell, seconded by Skow, to Approve the Minutes.  
Minutes were approved by unanimous voice vote.

#### Treasurer's report

*Account balances read as follows:*

*Account number 11202-53480                      \$1527.76*

*Account number 20624-34500-10001 - \$1722.16*

#### Chairman's Report

*Gift purchases.    The figures in the treasurer's report do not reflect the recent expenditures for gifts to have on hand for ceremonial presentations. The balance in the 11202 account will be closer to zero by year's end.*

#### Committee Reports

*Publicity and Information – The long-awaited publicity brochure has been given its final proof-reading and is ready to deliver to the printer for layout and printing. We know the costs involved for 2000 copies will be \$250 for the layout and \$900 for printing.*

*Oiso – Keiko Skow informed us of an email she recently received from Oiso, in which we learned that Oiso is planning to host students from Racine during the*

summer of 2019. The homestay program will run from July 4 to July 18. At this time we are not sure how many students will be accommodated, but Keiko will stay in touch and let the Oiso sister city organization know that we already have a few students who are interested in taking part.

Montélimar – We received a letter (in French) from Montélimar which Alice Peterson translated for us. The contents informed us about Montélimar's status and goals vis-à-vis their sister city counterparts. In addition, the Montélimar council has designated July 9, 2018 as the date of the Republican Banquet, to which all their sister city partners (including Racine) have been invited.

Five Racine high school students are planning a short homestay/study tour in France in the spring of 2019. Franc Martinez will lead the group under the auspices of Language and Friendship, and they will spend most of their time in Montélimar. The Sister City Council will work on ways to defray expenses for the participants.

Aalborg – The Youth Games are scheduled for Aalborg this summer. This event happens every four years, and young people in all of Aalborg's sister cities are invited to participate. We learned that Black Belt Karate in Racine is interested in competing, Rev. Guetzlaff informed the organizers in Denmark of their interest, even though the registration date has passed.

Zapotlanejo – No report

## **Old Business**

*These items have been covered in the previous portions of the minutes.*

## **New Business**

*We thanked Dwayne Olsen (in absentia) for his years of service to the Sister City Planning Council. It was announced that Dwayne will retire at the end of this year.*

## **Adjournment**

*The December meeting adjourned at 5:20 p. m. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, January 16, 2019 at 4:30 p. m.*