



City of Racine

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Meeting Minutes - Draft

Sister City Planning Committee

Wednesday, May 15, 2019

4:30 PM

City Hall Conference Room 207A

Call To Order

Secretary's Report: The minutes of the April Meeting were approved as submitted by unanimous voice vote

to Approve the Minutes

Approval of Minutes for the April 17th 2019 Meeting.

Treasurer's Report

Account number 11202-53480 -	\$7,132.65
Account number 20624-34500-10001 -	\$2,180.98

Chairman's Report: Review and report of 2019 Montélimar visit -- At this meeting we were joined by two students, Wolfi Cramer and Jamilla Jallow, who participated in the exchange with Montélimar. During spring break, five Racine students spent a week in France--first with host families in Montélimar, followed by a short stay in Paris. The exchange was led by Franc Martinez. Through photos and oral reports, Wolfi and Jamilla recounted their overseas experiences, and had generally positive recollections of their time there. Franc used the opportunity to confer with Alain Silve as we look ahead to next year, when students from Montélimar will visit Racine, and the Sister City Council will host a delegation from our French counterparts. Heather Godley suggested that we upload some of the photos from our world travelers to the Council's Facebook page.

Old Business:

Report on student visit to Oiso -- The most recent updates on plans to send two Racine students to Oiso this summer indicate that everything is progressing smoothly. Tickets for their air travel have been purchased and the Oiso subcommittee continues to hold informational meetings for participants and their families. Ashley Sanchez will remind Mayor Mason that students will hand deliver a letter from him to Oiso's mayor. The visit is scheduled from July 3 to July 17, when school is still in session in Japan. As mentioned in last month's minutes, donated money from Dawn Imberi's memorial funds may be used to defray expenses for Racine travelers.

Civic leadership visit to Aalborg -- Alice Peterson helped with a trans-Atlantic phone call from Mayor Mason to Aalborg as the mayor works to create an itinerary for his visit to our Danish sister city. The purpose of his time there is to learn from a city that has made successful sustainability practices in the 21st century. In the course of the phone conversation, it became apparent that a visit in July would be problematic, since key personnel in Aalborg will be unavailable at that time. A visit in August would suit the Mayor's needs better, but this would impact the invitation from Montélimar for the banquet. Alice has also arranged for Mayor Mason to meet with an official from Ørsted, a major utility company with headquarters in Copenhagen.

New Business:

Rev. Guetzlaff reminded us that there is still room on the Council for civic-minded people with a global vision.

Adjournment The May meeting adjourned at 5:45 p. m. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, June 19, 2019 at 4:30 p. m.

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