



City of Racine

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Meeting Minutes - Final

Sister City Planning Committee

Wednesday, December 18, 2019

4:30 PM

City Hall Conference Room 207A

Call meeting to order

Rev. Guetzlaff called the final meeting of the year to order at 4:31 p. m.

Also present were: Heather Godley and Mayor Mason

PRESENT: 10 - Caskey, Peterson, Skow, Martinez, O'Connell, Guetzlaff, Kennedy, Bolter, Taft and McKinney

EXCUSED: 1 - Kurvuvilla

Secretary's report

The minutes of the November meeting were approved by unanimous voice vote.

Treasurer's report

Account balances read as follows:

Account number 11202-53480 - \$2974.42

Account number 20624-34500-10001 - \$2795.98

We asked Mayor Mason if any or all of the funds in the 11202 account could be rolled over to cover anticipated expenditures in the coming year, and he responded he would do what he could to make that happen. The mayor reminded us that additional funding might be available through donations to the Friends of Racine PRCS (Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services).

Chairman's report

Committee directory - Rev. Guetzlaff circulated a sheet listing contact information for all council members, asking us to verify the accuracy and make changes as necessary.

Old Business

Civic leadership visit to Aalborg – Mayor Mason plans to attend the Smart City Conference in Aalborg from May 11-15, 2020. He informed us that he has been contacted by the organizers and they request information regarding how many from Racine will be attending. With education as a key component of the conference, Mayor Mason has asked President Bryan Albrecht of Gateway Technical College and Chancellor Debbie Ford of the University of Wisconsin-Parkside to join him.

Montélimar student visit – Details are coming into focus as we plan for a visit of

fifteen students and three chaperones from the Alain Borne School in Montélimar. Our guests will participate in a homestay/school visitation program from April 19-26. Franc Martinez and Heather Godley will coordinate the school portion with Racine Unified French teachers, and the Montélimar subcommittee of the Council has begun working on finding host families and creating an itinerary for their stay. Everett McKinney offered to work with families at The Prairie School to secure enough host families.

New Business

Oiso student visit – Keiko Skow learned from our Sister City counterparts in Oiso that they would like to send three high school students to Racine for a homestay program from July 20 to August 4. Keiko will respond affirmatively. As in the past, the Oiso subcommittee will plan an itinerary for our Japanese guests.

Shared file information – Heather Godley proposed the creation of a shared file system so that council members could add/access pertinent information. She since found out that only those with a Gmail account would be able to utilize this service.

Adjournment

Amid heartfelt wishes for a festive holiday celebration, the December meeting adjourned at 5:10 p. m. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, January 15, 2020 at 4:30 p. m.