



City of Racine

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Meeting Minutes - Draft

Sister City Planning Committee

Wednesday, June 26, 2019

4:30 PM

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Special Meeting

Call To Order

The June meeting was called to order by Rev. Guetzlaff at 4:31 p. m.

Also In attendance Ashley Sanchez

PRESENT: 3 - Keiko Skow, Al Guetzlaff and Tom Kennedy

ABSENT: 4 - Francisco Martinez, Linda O'Connell, Abey Kuruvilla and Annika Bolter

EXCUSED: 2 - Michele Caskey and Alice Peterson

Approval of Minutes for the May 15 2019 Meeting.

Treasurer's report: Account number 11202 - 53480 - \$7,132.65
Account number 20624 - 34500- 10001 - \$2,180.98

Chairman's report: Annual dues - Since our last meeting Rev. Guetzlaff authorized payment of the annual membership fee to Sister Cities International, our parent organization.

Old Business: Status Report on 2019 student visit to Oiso - Two Racine students are ready for their two-week homestay in Oiso. A final meeting with the delegates and their families is scheduled for June 27, at which time the final details will be discussed, such as money exchange, emergency phone numbers, gifts for hosts, and transportation to O'Hare. Mayor Mason will provide our travelers with a letter for the mayor of Oiso as well as a presentational gift from Racine.

New Business: New Sister City Council Member - We hope soon to be joined by Everett McKinney, recently retired from his position as administrator at The Prairie School and former teacher of French.

Request for help recruiting host families – Rev. Guetzlaff was contacted by Monica Zela-Koort, who is regional coordinator for Academic Adventures in America, an organization that places European teens with American host families. She was invited to the meeting to find out about strategies and techniques for finding suitable host families, but Monica was unable to attend.

Action on Dawn Imberi Memorial Gift – With the passing of council member Dawn Imberi, the Sister City Council made some decisions about monetary donations in her memory. We chose to pass along a portion of the money to the students travelling to Oiso this summer. The remainder will be added to the 20624-34500 - 10001 account to be used for similar student projects.

Adjournment: The June meeting adjourned at 5:24 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 17, 2019

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