

CITY OF SHEBOYGAN
MAYOR'S INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE MINUTES
Thursday, July 13, 2023

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OPENING OF MEETING

1. Call to Order

Chairperson Alexandria King-Close called the meeting 5:17 pm in Conference Room 106 at City Hall (828 Center Avenue, Sheboygan) and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Members Present: Mayor Ryan Sorenson, Alderperson Zach Rust, Cole Philips, Deb Sabol-Williams, Vice Chair Lisa Salgado, Sarah Engel-Streicher, Veronica Valdez, Vice Chair Peter Janssen, Nicole Brown, and Alex Vanden Huevel.

Members not in attendance: Dane Schaefer, Tony Rammer, and Deidre Martinez

2. Introductions

Welcomed new Mayors International Committee members Alex Vanden Huevel

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Correspondence

Verify when we will visit Tsubame for the 250th Celebration.

Veronica received an email from Hisako Matsui letting us know the students from Tsubame would like to visit in the summer of 2024.

MINUTES

5. Approval of June 8th, 2023 minutes.

Motion to approve minutes from June 8th; all ayes and motion passes.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

6. Tsubame Cultural Program Development

a. School Partnerships

Waiting for school information from Hisako Matsui

b. Coffee Talks

Cole and Mayor Ryan Sorenson will be meeting with Tomomi on Wednesday, July 19th.

Annie wanted to ensure we are culturally prepared for a visit. Mayor Sorenson stated we have support from the State Department of International Relations/Sub National Diplomacy that will support.

c. Lakeland Japanese Association

Recommendation to pair Tomomi with Masako.

7. Esslingen Delegation Visit

a. Feedback

Team thanked Veronica for the outstanding itinerary. Veronica thanked the team for their support during events. Veronica is in process of uploading all trip photos.

8. Esslingen Fest – August 20

Ryan Kautzer will be supporting with entertainment.

a. Raffle Ideas

Raffle baskets have begun to be turned in.

b. Marketing

Pepsi banners will soon be in place. Will we have a banner above 8th street? Cole has made feathers for hats. Lisa would like to see commemorative pins.

c. Volunteers

List is created on Sign me Up and will be distributed. Reach out to Young Professionals group at the Chamber, Concordia Singers, and Grill Guys.

d. Sponsorships

Johnsonville will be supporting with meat donation

9. Sister City Updates

a. Esslingen – No updates at this time

b. Tsubame – No updates at this time

10. Future Plans and Ideas

14 Ukrainian cities have expressed an interest in partnering with the City of Sheboygan. St Catharines in Ontario, Canada has also expressed interest in Sister City partnerships.

Closing of Meeting

11. Next Meeting – August 3rd

12. Adjourn

Adjourn at 6:22 PM.

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