

# CITY OF SHEBOYGAN

## MAYOR'S INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE MINUTES

Thursday, October 05, 2023

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### OPENING OF MEETING

#### 1. Call to Order

Vice Chair Peter Janssen called the meeting to order at 5:22 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, Vice Chair Lisa Salgado, Sarah Engel-Streicher, Veronica Valdez, Vice Chair Peter Janssen, Nicole Brown, Mickenzie Petrie, Brittney Wagner and Alex Vanden Huevel.

Members not in attendance: Chairperson Alexandria King-Close, Deb Sabol-Williams, Tony Rammer, Cole Phillips and Deidre Martinez

#### 2. Pledge of Allegiance

#### 3. Correspondence

Tsubame is currently on break so we have not heard back from them yet. We plan on setting up video chats 5-6pm, which will be morning in Tsubame. Send Veronica your profession and topics you would like to talk about (Hobbies, interests, food etc)

Esslingen is on break until the end of Oct. They would like to coordinate a zoom call regarding a partnership with UW Sheboygan campus Mechanical Engineering and Business students for a student exchange. No date has been scheduled for the zoom call yet. Jamie Schramm at UW will help coordinate this. Let Veronica know if you are interested in being a part of this call. Alex Vanden Heuvel volunteered.

### MINUTES

#### 4. Approval of October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023 minutes.

### ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

#### 5. Esslingen Fest

- a. Event Planning & Procedures: Esslingen Fest Protocol Meeting is scheduled Oct 19th at 5:15pm. We might be able to bring snacks & beverages for the meeting.

#### 6. Tsubame

- a. School Partnerships- Tsubame plans on sending students next year-**MIC will post on social media** a notice that exchange students will need families to stay with. We will work with People to

People as well on this.

b. Coffee Talks- No updates at this time

c. Updates- No updates at this time

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Additional Topics- We have 2 new people that will apply for MIC: Aubrey Lockwood and Tomomi Bulson.

Recently there was a Friday Forum "International Trade & Environmental Awareness" Topics were: Cross-Border Trade, Renewable Energy, Green Economy, The Great Lakes, Air & Water Quality and Climate Change. The speakers were from the Consul for Foreign Policy & Diplomacy, the Director of Economic Affairs Investissement Quebec International, the Deputy Secretary DNR & Senior Global Transportation Manager for Rockline.

4th & 5th Grade Longfellow school-Katie Reese will be working with students on Japanese songs on their recorders, origami, chopsticks and ethnic foods. They will perform with the 29:11 International Cultural Exchange from S. African singing group at the Weill Center on March 15, 2024. MIC will cover the cost of some of these projects.

Sister City information- Sarah Engel-Streicher did some research on this topic and will send it to the Mayor, Alexandria King-Close, Lisa Salgado and Peter Janssen for review. Thank you Sarah!! Some criteria we discussed was: similar population, job industry, climate, interests and education.

We discussed a new Sister City- St Katherine's in Canada near Niagara Falls. The Mayor would have to take the next step and reach out to their Mayor to see if they are interested. (Future possibilities: Greece, Italy, Slovenia, Albania, Scandinavia)

We discussed ways for MIC members to connect. Nicole Brown will set everyone up on Whats App as a group.

Alex Vanden Heuvel suggested TEAMS for projects in the future and Peter Janssen suggested Slack.

Deb Sabol-Williams suggested that we have a **display at the library** regarding the partnership of Longfellow School and Tsubame.

We discussed **posting on MIC social media** when Longfellow received their letter from Tsubame.

We also discussed **booths/tables** at the Farmer's market, fairs and other events so people can learn about MIC.

We discussed possible **community outreach and volunteering**.

Brittany Wagner has experience in **fundraising**.

We discussed **new MIC shirts** with the new logo that Sarah Engel-Streicher designed.

## **Closing of Meeting**

8. Next Meeting – November 2<sup>nd</sup>
9. Adjourn

Adjourn at 6:14 PM.

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