

**CITY OF SHEBOYGAN**  
**MAYOR'S INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE MINUTES**  
**Thursday, August 4, 2022**

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**OPENING OF MEETING**

1. Call to Order

Vice Chairperson Peter Janssen called the meeting to order at 5:15 pm in Conference Room 106 at City Hall (828 Center Avenue, Sheboygan) and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Members present: Mayor Ryan Sorenson, Alexandria King-Close, Dana Elmzen, Lisa Salgado, Dane Schaefer, Rich Miesfeld, Carolyn Miesfeld, Diedre Martinez, Tony Rammer, Peter Janssen, Nick Laurie, and Cole Phillips.

Members not in attendance: Alderperson Betty Ackley, Deb Sabol-Williams, and Libby Olbrant

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Correspondence

Received a letter of gratitude for the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our sister city exchange and a thank you letter regarding the passing of Former Prime Minister Abe.

Veronica is corresponding due to IT sending and receiving on the Mayors end.

**MINUTES**

4. Approve minutes of July 7, 2022 meeting.

Motion to approve minutes of July 7, 2022 meeting; on hold.

**ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

5. Discuss trip to Esslingen – September 27 - October 7.

Geri Hiebing at Travel Leaders continues to work on the logistics of the trip.

- For those doing the river cruise: September 27 through October 7
- For those doing the Vienna trip: September 29 through October 7
- For those doing only the Esslingen trip: October 2 through October 7

6. Esslingen Fest – Sunday, August 14.

A total of 32 gift baskets have been collected and updated on the Esslingen Fest Raffle spreadsheet. Deb and member of the MIC will prepare gift baskets on Wednesday, August 10<sup>th</sup> from 12:30 to 2:30 pm in conference room 305 at City Hall.

Dane and Lisa have volunteered to bring additional serving tongs and serving spoons. The team can arrive at 8:30 AM at 3 Sheeps Brewery on Sunday the 14.

Chad Held from the Sun reached out with an interest to write an article on our relationship with our sister city Esslingen.

7. Middle school exchange student event.

Paula will send an email invitation for August 26<sup>th</sup> luncheon with the Mayor.

8. Sister City updates.

A. Esslingen Sister City Updates

Katrin emailed regarding an online exchange for a colleague with a member of City Hall. Ryan connected the college with Chad. Katrin continues to work with Geri Hiebing from Travel Leaders regarding travel arrangements for the Urban Diplomacy Exchange. Katrin and Jasmine mentioned a MIC zoom meeting after summer break.

Esslingen is interested in starting a video pen pal relationship.

B. Tsubame Sister City updates and sub-committee.

The mailed package to Tsubame was received and Ryan shared photos of the items showcased and on display. Hisako Matsui mentioned the MIC zoom meeting after summer vacation

Rich is interested in developing a stronger relationship in Tokyo.

9. Future plans and ideas.

Lisa discussed fundraising opportunity to sell passports and have an opportunity for people to visit different cultures of the world through food/exhibits.

**CLOSING OF MEETING**

10. Next Meeting Date: September 8, 2022

11. Adjourn at 5:45 pm.