



City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

City Hall
400 La Crosse Street
La Crosse, WI 54601

Meeting Minutes

International Committee

Monday, July 23, 2018

5:30 PM

Black River Beach Neighborhood Center
Cottonwood Room
1433 Rose Street

Call to Order

Chairperson Sherry Olson called the meeting to order at 5:31 PM.

Roll Call

Present: 8 - Irene Barmore, Todd Bye, Jessica Olson, Michael De Yoe, Julie Welch,
Sherry Olson, Art Marson, Heather Dutcher

Excused: 1 - Emelee Volden

Absent: 2 - Gale Kreibich, Vickie Unferth

Mission of the International Committee

Sherry read the mission statement.

The City of La Crosse International Committee exists as an umbrella committee to advise the Mayor and City Council, to act as a resource on international matters, to advise and recommend future relationships with international cities, and to act as a liaison among the La Crosse sister city relationships.

Welcome and Introduction of Visitors

Yassia Felts, Ken's daughter

Approval of Minutes

Correction: in the "Kumbo" report, the People's Picnic is July 29, 2018. Art moved to approve the May's minutes with that correction and Julie seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Current Balance: \$8,000

Our Sister City dues are due. Art made a motion to approve \$790 for Sister Cities International for annual dues and Julie seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Agenda Items:

Sister City reports and announcements - Bantry; Dubna; Epinal; Forde; Friedberg; Kumbo; Luoyang.

Sister City Reports: Discussion only; no action taken.

Announcements: Julie got approval to add our brochures to the International Friendship Garden. The racks will go up soon.

International banner design.

Todd is putting together collages for each banner. Please let him know if you need any changes to the collage by August 10, 2018. Also, let Heather know if any copy changes are need for the banner by the same date.

2018 Sister City International Conference Update.

Sherry has decided not to attend the conference due to the cost. No one else has expressed the ability to attend.

Epinal funding request.

Epinal has requested \$500 to help defray the hotel costs for an incoming delegation from Epinal in September. The total hotel cost is \$2,628 of which they are requesting \$500. Jessica made a motion to approve the \$500, Irene seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Global Initiatives funding request.

As much as \$1500 is being requested by the Global Initiatives Committee. In the past they have received \$3000 from another source. That funding source cut their support in half this year leaving the organizers significantly short. A short discussion about funds previously planned for SCIC and GIW placemats can be reallocated as those funds will not be spent this year. Art made a motion to reallocate \$800 from SCI and \$200 from the general fund for a total of \$1000 to the Global Initiatives Week committee. This year's event is Nov 2-9, 2018.

Oktoberfest parade planning.

Oktoberfest parade is September 29, 2018. Steps off at 10 a.m. Check with your groups to see about Marching this year.

Adjournment

Jessica moved to adjourn, and Sherry seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 6:29 pm.

The next meeting will be Monday, September 24 at 5:30 pm, Black River Beach Neighborhood Center-Cottonwood Room.

Notice is further given that members of other governmental bodies may be present at the above scheduled meeting to gather information about a subject over which they have decision-making responsibility.

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