



City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

City Hall
400 La Crosse Street
La Crosse, WI 54601

Meeting Minutes - Final

International Committee

Monday, January 28, 2019

5:30 PM

Black River Beach Neighborhood Center
Cottonwood Room
1433 Rose Street

Call to Order

Chairperson Art marson called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: 7 - Irene Barmore, Todd Bye, Jessica Olson, Michael De Yoe, Art Marson, Heather Dutcher, Emelee Volden

Absent: 3 - Julie Welch, Sherry Olson, Vickie Unferth

Mission of the International Committee

Read by Art Marson

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 Guests

No visitors

Approval of Minutes

Jessica Olson made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Irene Barmore seconded. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer has no new information. Jessica made a motion to refer to the next meeting. Heather 2nd. Passed.

Code of Ethics Review

All members present stated they had reviewed the code of ethics.

Agenda Items:

Sister City and School Reports/Announcements - Bantry, Dubna, Epinal, Forde, Friedberg, Kumbo, Luoyang, UW-L, Viterbo, and Western.

Bantry – The 4th Annual Coulee Hoolie Ceili is scheduled for March 30, 2019. LBFA has decided to offer a pair of Adult tickets to each of our sister cities.

Dubna – Maslenitsa (a traditional pre-Lenten celebration) is coming up. The celebration is March 3. The twinning continues to be difficult, but formally the two groups are still communicating.

Epinal – The annual fundraiser at Le Chateau is March 14. It is \$40 per person. The event will include hors d'oeuvre, wine, music & silent auction.

Forde – no rep present

Friedberg – the group has a new logo and slogan. They are planning a probable delegation in September, still working out the details.

Kumbo – no rep present

Luoyang – Twenty-two middle-schoolers arrived Friday. They are staying with host families for two weeks. There is a new exchange teacher (Short Term Academic Scholar) arriving on the 4th for 4 months.

School District of La Crosse – no rep present

UWL – faculty lead study abroad in Luoyang is hoping for at least 15 students this summer. Welcomed five new international students from Scotland, France Korea and Pakistan. Come up: Ed abroad fair on campus and International Banquet. Thursday, Welcome back potluck at Faith Lutheran.

Viterbo – no rep present

Western TC – no rep present

Report by the Budget Subcommittee.

Questioning the value of SCI membership. Art will invite Sandy McCormick to talk to us about the value at our next meeting.

Art and Emelee will work to update the spending guidelines & Budget.

Jessica made a motion to approve the new spending guidelines as noted in RED as well as GREEN sentence at the top & strike out on the attached DRAFT Funding Guidelines, Mike 2nd. Passed.

Representation for Forde and Viterbo.

No progress yet. Will try to have more info at the next meeting.

Adjournment

Next meeting will be held on Monday, March 25, 2019 at City Hall. Meeting room TBD.

Heather made a motion to adjourn, Jessica 2nd. Passed at 6:42 p.m.