



# City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

City Hall  
400 La Crosse Street  
La Crosse, WI 54601

## Meeting Minutes - Final-revised

### International Committee

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Monday, March 25, 2019

5:30 PM

3rd Floor Conference Room

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#### Call to Order

Call to order at 5:38 p.m.

#### Roll Call

**Present:** 7 - Irene Barmore, Jessica Olson, Vacant 1, Michael De Yoe, Julie Welch, Art Marson, Heather Dutcher

**Absent:** 4 - Todd Bye, Sherry Olson, Vickie Unferth, Emelee Volden

#### Mission of the International Committee

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

Lynn West, President, La Crosse-Bantry Friendship

#### Approval of Minutes

Minutes of January 25, 2019 meeting, Jessica Made a motion. Julie 2nd.  
Carried.

#### Treasurer's Report

There haven't been any transactions for 2019 and I've attached the new operating budget page for our records. Art and I met last week to work through a new budget template, which I've also attached. He had the great idea of tracking all funding requests so we could have data collected to show our need for a larger budget in the future.

#### Agenda Items:

19-0448

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

**Bantry – The 4th Annual Coulee Hoolie Ceili is this weekend and will benefit Hospice programs in La Crosse and Bantry. Tickets have been given to Dubna, Epinal Friedberg & Luoyang. Will attempt to connect with other sister cities to provide tickets. The group is in the beginning stages of an education event throughout La Crosse to teach people about Bantry. More info to come.**

**Dubna – Maslenitsa was March 3, great success, radio and tv were there... relations with US and Russia, Dubna's former Mayor will be in La Crosse April 4-7.**

**Epinal – Wine and Cheese at the Chateau fundraiser was successful. Quilted placemats through Epinal quilting exchange donated for the auction. The state oral French competition is this Saturday.**

**Forde – no rep present. Irene mentioned she ran into a member of the group who said they have a group coming this summer.**

**Friedberg – working on another new connection with Western and similar school in Friedberg. Delegation going in September.**

**Kumbo – No rep present**

**Luoyang – haven't met in a couple of months. Welcomed their new visiting scholar who is settled in and making appearances around town. Taking classes at UWL and tutoring Chinese students at UWL in English.**

**School District – Northwoods pursuing becoming and International Baccalaureate. There is an IB expo this Thursday at 5:30 p.m. The group is all invited. First graders will be April 4th. May 9th Global Arts night for K and 1st, May 16 2nd & 3rd, May ... Hmong Education project is happening right now with the School District. This is an experience showing what the life of Hmong refugees was like before and after camps. March 26-28, 4 and 5 p.m. Donations are accepted.**

**UWL – (sent via email in advance) The upcoming International Banquet taking place on April 6th. It would be wonderful to see some of you there if you're able to attend. Info can be found here:  
<https://www.uwlax.edu/conted/international-banquet/>**

**Viterbo – no rep present**

**Western – no rep present**

19-0449

## Finalize Budget

Art and Emelee met to finalize the budget. One of the questions we had was whether we wanted to continue the SSI dues. We have been encouraged to look more into what they have to offer. Our dues are paid up through June, we will table this for a future meeting. In the mean time we will explore the benefits of being members. Julie made a motion to accept the budget as presented. Jessica 2nd. Carried.

19-0450

## Funding Request - Luoyang

Requesting \$347.59 for a welcome dinner. Jessica made a motion to approve \$250 and the balance to be recorded in our records. Irene 2nd. Carried.

19-0451

## Funding Request - Dubna

Requesting up to \$100 for former Dubna Mayor's visit. Jessica made a motion to pre-approve up to \$200 for meals and/or hotel. Julie 2nd. Carried.

19-0452

## Representation for Forde and Viterbo

Art has attempted to contact individuals to find a replacement with no response. He will continue to try.

*Next meeting will be on May 27, 2019*

Next meeting falls on Memorial Day. The meeting will be rescheduled for May 20, 5:30 p.m. 3rd Floor Conference Room, City Hall.

**Adjournment**

Irene made a motion to adjourn. Michael 2nd. Carried at 6:53 p.m.

*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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