



# City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

City Hall  
400 La Crosse Street  
La Crosse, WI 54601

## Meeting Minutes - Final

### International Committee

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Monday, September 23, 2019

5:30 PM

3rd Floor Conference Room

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#### Call to Order

#### Roll Call

**Present:** 9 - Michael De Yoe, Gary Padesky, Julie Welch, Art Marson, Heather Dutcher, Emelee Volden, Mackenzie Brady, Mary Rohrer, Melissa Giefer  
**Excused:** 2 - Irene Barmore, Todd Bye

#### Mission of the International Committee

Read by Art Marson

#### Welcome and Introductions

Jessica from City Council joined us as a guest. Welcome to new committee member, Melissa Giefer from Viterbo.

#### Approval of Minutes

Gary made a motion to accept the July 2019 minutes. Sherry 2nd. Approved.

#### Treasurer's report and budget update

People Fest hasn't sent an invoice yet. Current balance \$1,940. Motion made by Julie to accept. Gary 2nd. Passed. Gary spoke with the Mayor who agreed to up our budget for next year to \$5000.

#### Agenda Items:

- 1 [19-1401](#) People Fest Review - Aug 4  
  
Received a thank you for our People Fest sponsorship. A couple of our banners' poles were broken at the event.
- 2 [19-1402](#) Potential gift ideas  
  
Maps of the Driftless region and map of Mississippi from local artist, Lisa Middleton. They were listed at \$85 and Michael negotiated \$65. Michael will bring it to show us at the next meeting.

- 3     [19-1409](#)     Concert featuring music from our Sister Cities
- Michael spoke with Director, Nancy Pilmonis of La Crosse Concert Band about this possibility. We will invite her to our November meeting to talk more on this topic.**
- 4     [19-1403](#)     Oktoberfest Parade
- Dubna, Bantry, Luoyang, Forde, will be there for sure. Other sister cities please let Art know if your group will be joining us. UWL International Students will be marching on their own.**
- 5     [19-1404](#)     Global Initiatives Week - Nov 8
- Kick Off, Nov 8. Organizers are looking for more presentation for this week. Viterbo will be doing "Monday Munch time" during the week, which includes international food and talk. Viterbo United Nations Club will also be at the kick-off. The kick-off is 4-7 p.m. at North.**
- 6     [19-1405](#)     Budget guidelines review
- Art wonders if we need to review our guidelines. Will review next year.**
- 7     [19-1406](#)     Funding requests: Epinal, Friedberg, Global Initiatives Week, Poles for banners
- Epinal - Simone Coonan \$500 for Airfare, Dianne Seyler, \$500 for airfare. Gary made a motion to reimburse \$200 to each representative. Emelee 2nd. Passed.**
- Friedberg - Irene Barmore \$500, Todd Bye \$500. Julie made a motion to reimburse \$200 to each representative. Gary 2nd. Passed.**
- Forde - \$500 for incoming delegation. Kenzi/Miichael \$400. Passed.**
- Global Initiatives Week - Melissa made a motion to donate \$300, Emelee 2nd. Passed.**
- Banner Poles - We need new poles for our sister city banners. Gary made a motion to spend up to \$280 to get new poles for our banners. Heather 2nd. Passed.**

8 [19-1407](#) Sister City and school reports/announcements: La Crosse School District, UW-L, Viterbo, Western, Bantry, Dubna, Epinal, Forde, Friedberg, Kumbo, Luoyang

La Crosse School District: Welcome banquet for Dora, Chinese Intern who is visiting some area schools this week and next. Northwoods has 4 interns this year, three from Spain and 1 from El Salvador. Northwoods continues to work on its Baccalaureate Application. Sandy Brauer, Northwood. Lincoln is having an Oktoberfest in October. Having over 30 students from Winona State providing international lessons to our 1st - 5th graders on Friday, November 15th. On Oct. 18th the German students of LaX will be hosting an Oktoberfest event from 6-9 pm at Lincoln middle school. The public is welcome.

UWL - Nov 14 Community Luncheon during Global Initiatives week. International recruitment has a new International Admissions specialist who is bringing in a lot of experience and connections.

Viterbo - has 16 new international students. Students excited to get something going for GI week. Western - Alcohol Alternatives for Oktoberfest.

Bantry - Irishfest was a record year. We donated \$500 to Global Initiatives week. Bantry Quest is wrapping up on October 4. We haven't seen the participation that we'd hope for, but have idea to make it better next year.

Dubna - the relationship is 30 years old. The Dubna Trio did a concert here 30 years ago and they'll be back for Nov 23. There will be a reception prior to the event. Fairy Tale day at Eagle Bluff School.

Epinal - no rep present.

Forde - No rep present. Art reports a delegation will be arriving on Friday.  
Friedberg - No rep present.

Kumbo - Still a lot of violence. Nuns have turned their hospital into a shelter. People have been fleeing the city. Garden dedication will be October 10 at 1:30 p.m.

Luoyang - Planning another China Town Hall, Nov 18th. There is a webcast from NYC. A panel will discuss issues globally with trade with China. Frontline episode: Trumps Trade War, focuses on American actions and features China's response. A flyer will be sent to us. New Chinese visiting scholar coming soon.

## Adjournment

6:56 p.m. Gary/Heather Passed.

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