



City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

City Hall
400 La Crosse Street
La Crosse, WI 54601

Meeting Minutes

International Committee

Monday, September 27, 2021

5:30 PM

Black River Beach Neighborhood Center

The International Committee meeting is open for attendance in person. The meeting will also be available through video conferencing. The meeting can be viewed by clicking this link (or typing the URL in your web browser address bar):

<https://stream.lifsizecloud.com/extension/6490504/2fa4bbf4-a513-4fe6-b10b-d4bd148f3c6d>

Call to Order

Art called the meeting to order at 5:38 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: 6 - Irene Barmore, Todd Bye, Art Marson, Mackenzie Brady, Melissa Giefer, Chris Woodard

Absent: 4 - Michael De Yoe, Heather Dutcher, Mary Rohrer, Karolyn Bald

Mission of the International Committee.

Read by Art.

Welcome and Introductions.

Approval of Minutes.

Tabled until next meeting.

Treasurer's Report.

There has been no financial activity. Discussion on potential budget items – carriers for banners, banner and flag for Junglinster, etc.

Agenda Items:

1 [21-1383](#) Sister City dues.

Sister Cities dues were discussed. Motion by Giefer/Barmore. Carried.

- 2 [21-1384](#) Junghlinster - Sister City agreement.
- Plans are underway for a formal agreement to be signed in summer 2022. It will operate as a subsubsidiary of the Luxembourg American Decendant Society in La Crosse. It was questioned if it would be called a sister city or a friendship city as in France.
- 3 [21-1385](#) Oktoberfest parade.
- The Oktoberfest parade was discussed. It appears that most of the sister city groups will not be marching in the parade.
- 4 [21-1386](#) Global Initiatives Week.
- Global Initiatives week is being planned as a virtual event again this year during the week of November 12 - 19. It would be helpful if each sister city could have a presence at the event (cooking demo, storytelling, music event, etc.). Viterbo is planning a lunchtime event for Monday. Some restaurants will feature specials. There might be a tour of the International Gardens. Miranda Panzer from UWL is coordinating the event. If you have an activity or questions, please contact her (mpanzer@uwlax.edu).
- 5 [21-1387](#) Sister City and School Reports/Announcements: La Crosse School District, UW-L, Viterbo, Western, Luoyang, Kumbo, Friedberg, Forde, Epinal, Dubna, Bantry.
- La Crosse School District – no rep present.
- UWL – Not represented.
- Viterbo – There are 39 international students this year, 11 new. Not a lot happening. On Wed, Sept 29 there is a panel discussion on providing support for the refugees at Fort McCoy. They created a new position to be in charge of Global Engagement, bringing various activities together in one department.
- Western – They are planning for some events during spring semester. No rep was present.
- Luoyang – Not represented.
- Kumbo – No rep was present.
- Friedberg – They will be manning the front gate at Oktoberfest, therefore not in the parade.
- Forde – Not represented. We are working to try to re-establish a local committee.
- Epinal – They are working on some new items in the international gardens. A delegation may be coming for St. Nicholas Day.
- Dubna – Chess competition is ongoing.
- Bantry – Not represented

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Barmore/Geifer. Passed.

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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