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Meeting Minutes - Draft SISTER CITY COLLABORATION COMMITTEE

Monday, March 26, 2018

5:30 PM

210 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.
Room 108 (City-County Building)

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Meeting called to order by Chair, Carolyn Gantner, at 5:37 PM.

Present: 9 - Frank L. Alfano; Carolyn A. Gantner; Daina P. Zemliauskas-Juozevicius;
Charles J. James; Jon F. Heinrich; Salvador A. Carranza; Samba Baldeh;
Diane L. Farsetta and Musa Jallow

Absent: 2 - Josephine H. Oyama-Miller and Jonathan S. Solari

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of February 26, 2018 approved unanimously on a motion by Alfano, seconded by Carranza. One correction was offered by Daina concerning the correct authors of the choral cantata to be performed at the Lithuanian independence celebration at the state capital on May 12. The authors of The Singing Revolution are Kestutis Daugirdas and Rugile Kazlauskaite.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

[50963](#)

Dane Dances possible collaboration with SCCC

Al Cooper, Board President Dane Dances, contacted Carolyn about the interest of the SCCC volunteering to assist at one of this summer's events. Carolyn sees this as an opportunity for more visibility of the SCCC, and individual sister city programs, in the community. Carolyn will meet with Al Cooper before our next meeting to get more information to help the SCCC decide on making a commitment to be involved with Dane Dances.

6. [50603](#) Amending Section 33.33(3) of the Madison General Ordinances to modify membership requirements on the Sister City Collaboration Committee.

Attachments: [Sister City Ad Hoc Committee Report](#)

This Ordinance was Return to Lead with the Recommendation for Approval to the COMMON COUNCIL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Amending Section 33.33(3) of the Madison General Ordinances to modify membership requirements of the Sister City Collaboration Committee was presented.

This amendment addressed the situation of membership on the SCCC for those living outside the City limits. It stated that up to 25% of appointees to the SCCC may be non-residents of Madison without the need for a two-thirds vote of the Council for confirmation. Any non-resident appointee whose confirmation would exceed the 25% limit will require a two-third vote.

All present at the meeting were in favor of this amendment, passed via voice vote.

[50969](#) Update on Display Case

All sister cities will be represented beginning in April. Daina and Carolyn will make the changes to the display case by the end of the month.

REGULAR BUSINESS

[50964](#) Sister City Program Reports

Tepatitlan - Sal reported that they are mainly preparing for the April 14 event.

Freiburg - Charles reported that Board members were (re)elected at their meeting on March 20 with two new members, John Giegel and Chuck Erickson. Charles has stepped down as Secretary, but is still on the Board as a non-officer member. He sent a notice of the Celebrate event to all members.

Camagüey - The Madison-Camaguey Sister City Association (MCSCA) will have their first meeting at their new location, Centro Hispano, on April 4. Beginning in April, Cuba will have a new leader that is not a Castro for the first time since 1959. A new leader will be selected in mid-April and the favorite is Miguel Diaz-Canel, vice president of the Council of the State, younger and hoped to be a more moderate and progressive President of Cuba.

Vilnius - The event at the University Club during Lithuanian Week, March 5 - 9, was deemed successful. Work continues on the May 12 annual banquet and Lithuanian Independence performance at the state capital. They have posted the Celebrate event to their Facebook.

Ainaro - Diane reported that they continue to prepare for the "Taste of Timor" fundraiser the morning of Sunday, May 20. Diane has created a Facebook

event for the Celebrate event in April.

Arcatao - They have a possible delegation to visit Arcatao in June that may include Wisconsin legislator, Chris Taylor. The delegation will have a focus on women's issues. They have publicized the Celebrate event in their recent newsletter and on FB.

Montova - The original visitor from Montova scheduled to attend the Celebrate event has had to cancel but another representative will be attending. Frank said they are exploring a visit of 3 or 4 UW students to Montova this summer.

Kanifing - Kanifing continues to prepare for the Africa Celebration Day at O'Keefe Middle School on May 24. Samba reported that the shipping container of medical supplies and equipment prepared with the assistance of the Wisconsin Medical Project has arrived in The Gambia.

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Celebrate Madison's Sister Cities - Work Group Report

Charles led a discussion of the contents of the booklet that is being prepared for the April Celebrate event. Some contributions are missing and a request was made for prompt submission. The booklet and other preparations for the event are going nicely.

Despite outreach efforts everyone has been conducting, ticket sales remain slow. An extensive discussion was held about proceeding with the event with the consensus being that we should hold the event and redouble efforts at ticket sales and outreach to groups that may have an interest in attending.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

[50966](#)

At-large SCCC community representative Jonathan Solari

At-large SCCC community representative Jonathan Solari has had his membership on the committee approved by the Common Council.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn approved unanimously on a motion by Heinrich, seconded by Carranza. Meeting adjourned at 7:05 PM.