



City of Madison

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Meeting Minutes SISTER CITY COLLABORATION COMMITTEE

Monday, October 26, 2015

5:30 PM

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

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Alfano called the meeting to order at 5:45 pm.

Present: 6 - Frank L. Alfano; Daina P. Zemliauskas-Juozevicius; Charles J. James; Jon F. Heinrich; Samba Baldeh and Diane L. Farsetta

Absent: 4 - Josephine H. Oyama-Miller; Carolyn A. Gantner; Salvador A. Carranza and Enrique R. Gandara

Others Present: Karen Milstein

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

James made a motion to approve the minutes of August 24, 2015 with corrections. Heinrich seconded the motion. Motion passed by a voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

None

REGULAR BUSINESS REPORTS

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Sister City Reports October 2015

Mantova: Alfano reported that representatives went to Mantova to attend a wedding of a local musician. They also met with the new Mayor. David Kelly from the Goodman Center approached Alfano for an art exchange. Middle schoolers in Madison will draw Madison pictures and middle schoolers in Mantova will draw Mantova pictures and they will exchange.

Vilnius: Zemliauskas-Juozevicius reported that a delegation from Lithuania came. While in Madison they toured the Capital, had a celebratory dinner at the Madison Club, and met with the Secretary of Agriculture.

Freiburg: James reported that the Freiburg Sister City group set up a table for Freiburg on campus to showcase Sister Cities to UW students. They are trying to set up a trip for a Madison jazz band to go to Germany.

Camaguey: Heinrich reported that planning for the Cuba trip has become complicated. There was a trip planned for the end of October but it had to be cancelled because they could not get accommodations. The Camaguey Sister City group is sponsoring three students who receive medical training in Havana and then do service in under-served areas. They are also sponsoring a student who is examining cultural effects of environmental conservation in Cuba.

Ainaro: Farsetta reported that they hosted Dr. Dan Murphy. He gave a book talk on his memoir and had one-on-one meetings with professors in medicine and nursing. A professor from here also went to East Timor. There is a documentary showing coming up at the Central Library about the 1960's genocide in Indonesia.

Gantner sent in a report via email: MASCP recently hosted community organizers from Arcatao, and other parts of El Salvador, who addressed environmental (especially mining) issues in El Salvador. They presented at MATC, were interviewed on WORT, met with Mark Pocan's and Rep. Chris Taylor's office, and met informally with Madison citizens. This was part of a national US-El Salvador Sister Cities speaking tour - a successful endeavor in bringing together people from our two countries and, also, creating greater understanding of some of the mutual concerns we share. MASCP will be participating in the Holiday Fair in December, the Intl Fair in January and in another holidayfair to be held at Orchard Ridge Church in November. Besides the outreach aspect of these events, we will be selling arts and crafts purchased directly from the artisan co-op in Arcatao.

Baldeh reported that they are working on the Gambia Sister City application.

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Fundraising Cookbook Update October 2016

Farsetta reported that the Cookbook Workgroup met and determined that it was necessary to disband temporarily, as the time commitment was too much. Committee members agreed that the cookbook was a good idea and perhaps could be picked up in the future. Farsetta will send cookbook files to Ashleigh, Charles James, and Frank Alfano to keep.

James made a motion to reallocate the \$2,000 designated for the cookbook to each of the eight Sister City in the form of \$250 checks. Baldeh seconded the motion. Motion passed by a voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS

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Sister City Display Case Monitor Status October 2015

Alfano reported that Mantova has the display case until the end of October. In November and December it will return to its original setup.

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International Festival January 2016 Applications October 2015

Alfano provided background information on International Fest, which is held at the Overture Center every year. The cost is \$50 for a table and about \$120 to sell food. The Overture Center will be the City and the funds come out of the

Sister Cities Account. Farsetta will not participate this year.

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City Council Reception January 19 Update October 2015

The reception will be on January 19th and will begin at 5:30 pm. Members should let Ashleigh know if they will be participating and she will reserve tables. Each City who participates will receive \$50 for expenses.

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2016 Budget October 2015

The committee's budget for 2016 is \$15,000. At the next meeting members should discuss how to distribute funds.

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Gambia Sister City Application October 2015

Alder Baldeh reported that the Gambian Sister City Application did not arrive on time. It should be discussed at the next meeting.

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Attendance at Committee Member Training October 2015

Alfano reminded committee members about training.

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Accepting Nominations for the 2015 Jeffrey Clay Erlanger Award

Attachments: [erlanger info with app 2015.pdf](#)

Alfano encouraged people to nominate their contacts for the Erlanger Award.

ADJOURNMENT

James made a motion to adjourn. Heinrich seconded the motion. Motion passed by a voice vote.