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Meeting Minutes - Draft SISTER CITY COLLABORATION COMMITTEE

Monday, July 1, 2019

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, Charles James, at 5:30 pm.

- Present:** 8 - Frank L. Alfano; Josephine H. Oyama-Miller; Daina P. Zemliauskas-Juozevicius; Charles J. James; Jon F. Heinrich; Salvador A. Carranza; Rahel Desalegne and Musa Jallow
- Excused:** 3 - Carolyn A. Gantner; Samba Baldeh and Jonathan S. Solari

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Oyama-Miller, seconded by Desalegne, to approve the minutes from the June 3, 2019 Sister City Collaboration Committee meeting. The motion passed by voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

There were no disclosures or recusals.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dane Dances will begin on Fridays beginning in August. SCCC has no involvement this year.

Dedication of the monument for Mildred Fish Harnack will be on Friday, July 12, 2019 at Marshall Park. James shared the life and history of Mildred and how this monument was developed through a collaboration of Madison Arts Commission, UW Madison and the City of Madison. Dedication will be at 1:30 pm. Sister State of Hesse is coming from Germany and will be hosted by the UW. The event is open to the public.

REGULAR BUSINESS REPORTS

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Sister City Program Reports - July 2019

Tepatitlán - Nothing new to report. Still working on the site determination.

Bahir Dar - Desalegne gave an update of the political strife in Ethiopia and will keep the SCCC up to date. At this time, there is nothing that the SCCC should do as an organization to support this political situation. The trip to Bahir Dar in August may have to be postponed because of upheaval.

Vilnius - Nothing new to report.

Obihiro - Memorial High School has accepted the invitation to host the 2019 Nansho High School Student Tour this year. Five students will be coming and looking for host families.

Oyama-Miller met with the Japanese Consul General of Chicago on July 10th and did a presentation on best practices for developing a sister city and to establish good relationships in the community. Japan is focusing on developing more activities between the Midwest States to encourage trade, culture, sports and programs.

Mantova - Nothing new to report.

Frieburg - James just returned from a trip to Freiburg where he met with the school that will host students from Madison West & Memorial HS. Twelve students are currently in Frieburg and in the fall, these schools will host students from Freiburg.

Frieburg just updated the display case for the month of July.

Frieburg continues to be present at the Farmer's Market on a weekly basis. They get many inquiries and questions about all the sister cities programs. All sister cities are invited to join Frieburg at any time at the Farmer's Market. Display is set up near the Colonel Hegg statue (King Street).

Kanifing - The annual event, Evening in Partnership with The Gambia, will be September 21-24th- date and time to be determined. They continue to work on their library fundraising project and have been in touch with Books for the World. Their trip for the eyeglass and optical project has been cancelled.

ITEMS FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

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2019 SCCC Celebrate Madison's Sister Cities

Attachments: [SCCC_041418.pdf](#)
[8-20-2018 SCCC work group notes.pdf](#)
[11-26-2018 SCCC work group notes.pdf](#)
[2-11-2019 SCCC work group notes.pdf](#)
[Post-event reflections - Jo Oyama-Miller.pdf](#)

James asked Jallow to confirm that all checks relative to the Celebrate Sister Cities have been disbursed. Jallow did not know if check to either Ballet Folklorico or Madison Youth Choir were sent. He will check with Kujabi to confirm. It was his belief that they were waiting for Carranza to send the correct address for Ballet Folklorico. James will send them address for Madison Youth Choir.

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Park Street Banners

Attachments: [Banners from 2013](#)
[New banner pairs for 2019.pdf](#)

Alfano shared the design and discussion for these banners. He asked each sister city to confirm that the flag for their country was correct so that he can finalize the project with Madison's Planning department. We reviewed each flag design. Alfano said that the Planning department does have an extra set of banners similar to one currently hanging and he showed how Ethiopia would replace the US flag, and The Gambia would replace East Timor. It was suggested that the US flag be paired with the Wisconsin State Flag (SL 3407) to make up the complete set. Alfano will bring back costs to the next meeting.

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2020 SCCC Celebrate Madison's Sister Cities

Attachments: [06-10-2019 SCCC work group notes.pdf](#)

James gave a brief update of the work group notes regarding this event. Event will be May 9th although this is not yet confirmed with Madison College. Focus will be on the European Union and they will work with the UW departments to see how music, speakers and program can be integrated. Working on list of sponsors and hope to have this completed by September 2019.

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Disbursements to individual sister cities programs

All disbursement were made in June. If you didn't receive please check with Charles James, Laila D'Costa or Thomas Lund.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Desalegne, seconded by Solari, to adjourn at 6:47pm.
The motion passed by voice vote.