



City of Madison

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Meeting Minutes - Draft SISTER CITY COLLABORATION COMMITTEE

Monday, October 24, 2016

5:30 PM

215 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.
Room LL-110 (Madison Municipal Building)

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Meeting called to order at 5:37 pm. Alder Baldeh arrived at 5:50 pm.

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

Absent: 1 - Enrique R. Gandara

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of Sept 29 approved unanimously on a motion by Frank, seconded by Sal.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

None.

REGULAR BUSINESS REPORTS

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Sister City Program Reports

Arcatao - Carolyn reported the group is getting ready for holiday fairs, getting crafts from Arcatao. The Edgewood class will take around 15 students to El Salvador in January.

Mantova - Frank reported not much new.

Tepatitlan - Sal reported on group discussions of new initiatives, including vision testing for children where Tepa would find the MDs and the sister city group would raise money for glasses and other needs in establishing the project; possible Rotary or Lions Club could support (Jo will share Lions Club contact with Sal). Other plans include school gardens with the Arboretum earth partnership, bringing art eggs from Tepa and Minister of Culture to Madison, and doing school mosaic.

Obihiro - Jo reported on the visit of the 12th mental health study group to Madison, meeting with different groups, with an interest of assimilating people back into community and educating families with mental illness.

Vilnius - Daina reported on UW-Eau Claire professor working with CREECA (Center for Russia, Eastern Europe and Central Asia) for field work to document where many Jews were killed. Great experience for students.

Ainaro - Diane reported on conversations with the UW Global Health Institute following Sidalia do Rego's visit to explore possible ways to support Bairo Pite Clinic, a long-time partner of the sister city group. Also in conversations to find local 501(c)(3) partner for Permatil, Timorese permaculture group working on school gardens.

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2017 SCCC Funding

Mayor's request for the Sister City Collaboration Committee \$20K, up from \$15K; equal distribution among 9 groups = ~\$2K each.

Request from Mayor's office that group consider putting some funds towards higher-quality gifts for visitors and discretionary sister city funds for Mayor.

Discussion that city gifts are given to non-sister city reps. Alder Balbeh stated that If funds are allocated to sister cities, this group retains control over them and expends them for sister city matters.

Samba willing to introduce budget amendment to increase funding request if there's agreement; budget vote in November.

Discussion of purchasing gifts specifically for sister city visitors with funds included.

Sister city funds could go towards cookbook, which could be given to visitors.

Frank moved that we request Samba introduce a budget amendment to increase our funding request to \$22,500 total - if approved, committee decides how funds are allocated.

Sal seconded motion, approved unanimously.

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Celebration of International Education Week- Schedule

Jo will circulate calendar for tabling at events the week of Nov 14.

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Projector- SCCC Display

Screen and projector now working, thanks to Samba working with city staff.

Currently playing city channel interview of sister city group with display in window; also able to play all groups' interviews on a loop.

Kanifing needs to be interviewed; other groups' information is not out of date, relatively recent.

Samba will ask city staff to describe how to change video display to us at next committee meeting.

Need to add Kanifing to quilt - pretty simple task.

Daina will ask quilters she knows; Jo and Samba may also have quilting contacts.

Jo will ask City staff to have the quilt brought to Mayor's office.

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D'Gambia Resolution

Group filled out paperwork.

Jo will check with city staff.

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Committee Member Applications

Sal asked Enrique; may not be able to find someone at DATCP - Sal will follow up.

Other possibilities - Diane will ask UW Global Health; also UW CALS, MATC international program (Geoff Bradshaw).

NEW BUSINESS

Election of 2017 Officers

Discussion that last elections were held in January 2016- will review minutes for the last year.

Table until Jan 2017.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 6:30 pm made by Frank, seconded by Daina.