



City of Madison

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Meeting Minutes - Draft SISTER CITY COLLABORATION COMMITTEE

Tuesday, October 24, 2017

5:30 PM

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

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Meeting called to order by Chair, Carolyn Gantner, at 5:42 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 Musa Jallow

Absent: 1 - Diane L. Farsetta

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of September 25, 2017 approved unanimously on a motion by Oyama-Miller, seconded by James. Charles asked that the minutes be amended to include his mention of the Madison-Freiburg picnic at Burrows Park on September 5th.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

None.

REGULAR BUSINESS

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Sister City Program Reports

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49235 - Sister City Program Reports

Obihiro - They have received a request from Madison Country Day School in Waunakee to have an ongoing involvement in the student exchange with Obihiro. A group of mental health professionals from Obihiro just completed a visit to Madison.

Freiburg - The Board of Directors of the Madison-Freiburg Sister City Committee met on September 25, 2017. Among other things, we voted to support the plans by interested parties in Freiburg and Madison, including Dave Cieslewicz and other members of the Wisconsin Bike Federation, to explore the possibility of developing projects around the topic of bicycling in Madison and Freiburg. We also voted to set up the information table again during the Saturday Farmers Market on the Capitol Square, but this time we will request a permit for not only June, July, and August, but also for September of 2018.

We are working on a written history of the 30 years of Madison-Freiburg based on as many documents we can find related to events, projects, exchanges, etc. since 1988.

Kanifing - September fundraising was well attended and raised \$6000 for the organization. They are working with the Wisconsin Medical Project to have a shipping container of medical supplies sent to The Gambia in February 2018. Efforts have been initiated to fund a Mentor Network & Scholarship Project.

Mantova - Frank reported that a visitor from Milan is participating in a six-week training course at Accuray Inc., a Madison company that specializes in radiation therapy and radio surgery for treating cancers.

Tepatitlán - A new development in the establishment of a vision clinic is the interest of the University of Guadalajara to expand the project by establishing a health clinic for the community. Sal will be visiting Tepatitlán at the end of November and this will be on the agenda. They did just complete hosting a city council member in Madison.

Camaguey - The Wisconsin Medical Project and MCSA will be bringing groups to Camaguey in November.

Arcatao - During the visits of our El Salvador colleagues on October 2nd and 3rd, we had some very successful and interesting public events that were held at the Madison Public Library and Catholic Multicultural Center, along with media interview on WORT radio, meetings with public officials and private gatherings. Cintia and Zulma from El Salvador and representatives of our National El Salvador Sister Cities organization were warmly welcomed to Madison and reached a cross-section of Madisonians.

Upcoming in November MASCP is looking forward to involvement with the UW International Week's keynote speaker and special guest Ariela Suster who is originally from El Salvador and has worked with Salvadoran at-risk youth. Our plans for events with Ariela are evolving at this time and details will be sent out at a later date.

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Celebrate Madison Sister Cities event

The event costs we know at this time include a charge for room setup and takedown (\$400) and a minimum \$13.95 per person buffet cost (could go higher depending upon our final menu selection). There is no cost for room rental at Madison College.

There may be costs associated with a speaker. Samba has met with the Mayor and was provided some suggestions, including some folks from UW-Madison that could provide an international perspective. This approach would certainly minimize this cost.

Also unknown at this time are costs associated with a cash bar (licensed bartender, liability and supplies). This should be a break even proposition but we need to do more work determining costs.

The group discussed an overall budget of \$4000 for an event for 200 participants and a ticket cost of \$40 with no minimum requirement of participation for any of our organizations.

The committee did approve a motion by Alfano, seconded by Carranza, to delay distribution of 2018 city funds to our organizations until after the event as a safeguard.

The workgroup is to proceed with making arrangements for an event at Madison College. Frank reminded everyone to consider invitations to city officials from our respective cities to attend this event.

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Immigration Statement

The statement approved at the September 2017 SCCC meeting has been placed on the Madison sister city page - <http://www.cityofmadison.com/sister-cities>. Thanks to Jasmine and Samba for their help with getting this posted.

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Cook Book Update

Layout of the cookbook is not accounted for in the printing costs from Wells Printing. Several suggestions were provided to obtain this service. Jo suggested that a possible alternative would be a "country cookbook" approach that would include only recipes that would minimize the layout complexity and costs.

Jo indicated that some photos are not meeting the minimum standard and that she would review and identify those that do not. Jo would let everyone know the outcome of this review.

Some folks are still experiencing difficulty in loading their photos and documents to Box.com. Diane was recommended as a resource to assist.

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Michael Ross/Madison Youth Choirs update

Michael Ross was seeking our support for the installation of a mileage and direction sign to all nine sister cities at a Madison location yet to be determined. The Madison Youth Choirs would bear the expense. No objection was raised and we agreed to let Michael know we support his proposal.

[49240](#)

Display Case joint installation plans

Jon and Charles volunteered to assist Carolyn in setting up the joint display. It was recognized that we needed to coordinate a transition date with Frank who has the case for October.

NEW BUSINESS

[49242](#)

International Festival ~ 24 February 2018

Everyone was reminded to send in their application and that they are responsible for the \$50 fee.

[49243](#)

Financial capacity in relation to cookbook and April "Celebrate" event

No further discussion needed as a result of the discussion and action taken under agenda item 49236.

[49244](#)

Global Education Fair - 13 November

SCCC is invited to have a table at the Global Engagement Fair at UW-Madison. We did participate in this event last year. The event is to be held on Monday November 13th from 3:30 to 5:30 PM. The information packet that Frank prepared last year will be made available. Carolyn will email to find out who will participate.

[49245](#)

Set dates for Nov/Dec meetings

Carolyn will have Jasmine poll members to find an acceptable date. It was agreed that we should only hold one more meeting this year.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn approved unanimously on a motion by Carranza, seconded by Zemliauskas-Juozevicius. Meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM.