

Tinley Park Sister Cities Commission Meeting Minutes February 18, 2009

Members Present

Chair: Randal Tietz, Commissioners: Ann Bartoli, Nancy Dobner, JoAnne Dykhuizen, Peggy Petrovich, Dianne Przybylski, Carol Tietz.

Sister Cities Commission Liaison Trustee David Seaman.

Members Not Present

Commissioner: Joe "J", Christina Kopenc, Associate Member: Art Wagner.

Chairman Randal Tietz called the February 18, 2009 Tinley Park Sister Cities Commission meeting to order at 7:45 p.m. Motion to approve agenda for tonight's meeting: Commissioner Nancy Dobner, second: Commissioner Dianne Przybylski. Vote by voice call: Chairman declared the motion carried.

Minutes of the November 19, 2008 meeting reviewed; Motion to approve: Commissioner Carol Tietz, second: Commissioner Dianne Przybylski. Vote by voice call: Chairman declared the motion carried.

Trustee's Report

Trustee David Seaman: 2009 fiscal year will be challenging. Significant unemployment in state of Illinois (7.6%) local unemployment is about 5%. Tax revenues have been impacted by economy. We must do more with less for the foreseeable future.

Chair's Report

Commission chairs met with the Mayor and staff to hear a presentation on the village budget. All Chairs present will budget for a significant drop in Village tax revenue. All expenditures will be reviewed for appropriateness.

New Commission Volunteer

Commission welcomed Ms. Sandra Bozis.

Büdingen:

Trip dates: 8 to 18 October 2009 (Group will be in U.S. 8 to 17 October). Transport from and to O'Hare Airport to be arranged. Reception to be Friday 10 October, day trip to Chicago Monday 12 October (Columbus Day), Day Trip to Springfield, IL, Wed. 14, outdoor day trip Thu. 15, return to airport Sat. 17 October. Outdoor trip to be decided. Possible tours: Milwaukee, Jelly Belly, Eli's, boat trip on Chi. River/Lake, Cantigny Park, Morton Arboretum.

Mallow: Chair is to invite Mallow to visit during the Büdingen 20th anniversary.

Poland: Letter of interest sent by Nowy Sącz Mayor to be informed of Tinley Park activities in the coming months. Chair is to invite Nowy Sącz to visit during the Büdingen 20th anniversary.

New Business

2011 Illinois Sister Annual Cities Convention – Commissioner Carol Tietz asked the commission for permission to offer Tinley Park as the site of the annual spring convention. Commission concurred; offer will be made to the Illinois State Sister Cities board of Directors.

Next Meeting – April 22, 2009

Adjournment - Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 9:30 P.M.

Calendar

- a) Discover Tinley Saturday 28 March 2009
- b) IL Sate Sister Cities Convention Schaumburg, IL, April 17 and 18, 2009
- c) Büdingen Visit 8-18 October 2009