

October 19, 2016

The meeting began at 7:07 p.m.

Present: Chairman: Michael Hiss; Secretary/Commissioner Roxane DeVos Tyssen; Trustee Liaison: Kevin Suggs; Commissioners: Marilyn Bill, JoAnn Dykhuisen, Jeannie Krichbaum, Lucas Hawley, George Rody; Tinley Park Village Manager: Dave Niemeyer

Absent: Village of Tinley Park Staff Liaison: Antonia Stengler

Guests: Steven Hawley and Xavier Fernandez were in attendance.

The agenda was reviewed and approved; Commissioner Hawley - 1st, Krichbaum- 2nd

Minutes from August were read and approved; Commissioner Bill - 1st, Hawley- 2nd

New commissioners were introduced. We welcomed back Commissioner Dykhuisen.

Secretary's Report:

- Email from Laura Elster was read. A teacher that was staying at their house during the student exchange translated a news article that was from a local paper in Büdingen.
 - Laura has forwarded this email to Clerk Rea.
 - It stated that they felt the Village of Tinley Park and our Sister City Commission has a lack of interest in continuing the relationship with them.
 - This is a situation that needs to be handled through the Village and involving Chair Hiss; it will take a diplomatic touch to resolve.
- The letter from Gertrude McFudge-Anderson was read. This letter thanked the SCC for all it does.

The 2016 Student Exchange was discussed.

- There was no one from the SCC to greet the students upon their arrival to Village Hall.
- Going forward, arrangements will be made in advance to have several people there to meet them; the Chair will be required to be there to greet them.
- Lucas attended the pizza party as did Trustee Suggs. There was some confusion with regards the OMA and the number of commissioners who could attend. (For future reference as long as SCC business is not directly discussed, all commissioners can attend an event.)
- Trustee Suggs will follow up with the Village to see what the problem was with a complaint of the doors not being unlocked was.

The Chair read a treasurer's report.

- The period from 9/1/2016 to 10/31/2016 was reviewed.

- It will be adjusted by the next meeting to reflect the payment to the bus company to pick up and drop off the exchange students to and from the airport.

Approved. Commissioner Hawley - 1st, Krichbaum - 2nd

A draft re-introduction letter to be sent from the Chair was read. The final version will be forwarded to the Village for its approval before it is sent out.

Jordanian Update:

- Adding a sister city is a new experience for everyone.
- We need more clarification from Clerk Rea as to what is involved in the process.
- What will the exchange with them be: cultural, economic, etc.
- How much is involved from the SCC? From the Village? Is there a checklist of procedures to follow?

2017 Büdingen Delegation:

- \$1200-1800 should be budgeted for airfare. Commissioner Krichbaum stated that airfare was actually all over the place.
- We are looking at being there for their Renaissance Festival July 5-12, 2017.
- Pat Rea has also mentioned taking part in the Shoostin Fest while we are there. We need to find out if it will be during that same timeframe.
- The SCC will coordinate host families for anyone who wants to make the trip (commissioners as well as residents).
- Chair Hiss will handle all correspondence between the organizations.

Artwork Collection:

- Marilyn will contact the library to have a temporary display installed.
- Jeannie will work with the Historical Society to have items displayed.
- Lucas will reach out to the German Club at Andrew to see if they want to display anything at the school.
- We would like to reach out to the Performing Arts Center to see if anything can also be displayed there.
- All correspondence on this matter should cc: the Village through the Clerk's Office.
- We need legal counsel on how to word the terms of the loan as all pieces are property of the Village.

2017 Cultural Event(s):

- We would like to use the march as part of the branding for the Village.
- Commissioners were tasked with thinking about what types of cultural events we would like to have (Mallow, Ireland and Büdingen, Germany).
- Think of things that will have an impact.
- Antonia was going to get us information on the Christkindle/Holiday Market; we are still waiting on this.
- Holding some type of Oktoberfest was mentioned.

- Other possible events include Oxen Fest and a Mardi Gras.
- We could possibly utilize the Farmer's Market to market the SCC and our Sister Cities.
- We already do Discover Tinley every year.

There were no public comments.

Meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.