

Tinley Park Sister Cities Commission Minutes

Wednesday, March 21, 2018

7pm Kallsen Conference Center

Call to Order 7:06 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Recognize Commission members present: Chairman Lucas Hawley; Secretary/Commissioner Roxane Tyssen; Commissioners: Marilyn Bill, Jim Muller. Associate Commissioner: Rita Brudd. Village Liaison: Rob Zimmer. None were absent.

Previous Meeting Minutes were read.

- Corrections/Additions to February 21, 2018 minutes - None.
Motion to approve - Roxane 1st, Jim 2nd; motion carried
- Corrections/Additions to February 3, 2018 minutes.
- Motion to approve - Marilyn 1st, Jim 2nd; motion carried.

Sister City Updates

Büdingen Sister City Update:

- 2018 Visitation from Büdingen Residents:
 - Lucas has a draft email ready to be sent which was passed out for approval; this is going to be sent to local churches to inquire about host families. We have asked to have an announcement to be placed in the church bulletin's. Rob and Lucas discussed content changes. Motion to send out with corrections/edits that were discussed - Roxane 1st, Rita 2nd. All in favor, passed.
 - Marilyn met with Julie Dekker from Vogt. In the past, she has spoken with Michael Hiss about doing a tour once they are here. Julie and the center would like to have a tour of their facility for them. There will also be room for some of the pieces of artwork we have to be on display during their visit.
 - She also told Marilyn that there is no interest for local artists to travel there for the July art festival.
 - Students 9/16-9/30; visitors 10/2/-10/14 (18 people).
- 2020 Visitation - Nothing to update.

Mallow Sister City Update:

- Rob, Lucas, Jim, and Roxane all attended the reception dinner at the Emerald Loop. The group met with Declan, John Paul and other County Cork and Mallow officials. We presented them with Village of Tinley Park swag in two bags. We were presented with a crystal plate and an official "Cork" pen (made with cork from Ireland in County Cork). Mayor Vandenberg used the Cork pen to sign some official documents at the last board meeting. There is footage of this on

the Village of Tinley Park YouTube page. It was wonderful to make contact with the Counselors, especially John Paul O'Shea.

- We discussed the exchange we do with Büdingen and if there was interest in doing that with Mallow. He was interested in the program and will be discussing it further.

Prospective Sister City Updates

Nowy Sącz, Poland Update - This is sitting in Rob's lap to write the Memorandum of Understanding. This is in process and in the interim, Rita will contact International Sister Cities for information as to what the formal approval process is.

Updates on Currently Open Business

TPSC Promotional Materials:

- The Commission discussed the pamphlet that Roxane designed. There were some recommended edits which will be made. The Commission approved the edits to be made and for copies to be made to have at Discover Tinley in April as a hand out. We will have candy to hand out as well.
- We will look at getting some swag items once we get our budget for next year. We should have something to present to the visiting Germans when they arrive in October.

Cultural Exchange Program

- As mentioned above, Julie Dekker also told Marilyn that there is no interest for local artists to travel there for the July art festival.
- Transportation for both the student exchange in September and the Büdingen visit in October. We will contact Edda in Germany to determine how they are coming in (group versus separate, host families providing transportation, or whether or not individuals are renting cars) and how many will be needing a bus.
- Students are arriving September 16th and will be here through the 30th. Rob needs the number of students who are coming in from Germany, when they are arriving and when they will be departing to arrange transportation. He will also need the number of students and host families for the pizza party. Lucas will contact the school and get the information Rob needs. The Commission will only need to pay for gas versus the entire fee for a rental bus and driver.
- The Büdingen visitors will be here October 2nd through the 14th.

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Ongoing Business

Discover Tinley

- Roxane will finish the pamphlet with the suggested edits.
- The event opens at 10 a.m. and goes to 3 p.m. on April 7th. Roxane and Lucas will be there in the morning and will be there all day. Roxane will come in the Friday night before (between 4 and 7 p.m.). Lucas will contact Michael for photos from last year to see if he has them on a video.
- Rita will check on electric for our booth in the event that we can get the photos and a monitor.

New Business:

- Clerk's office informed Rob to remind the commissioners on the Conflict of Interest responses for Cook County. They are due May 1, 2018.

Public Comments

- None.

Adjourned at 8:30 p.m. Roxane 1st, Rita 2nd. Adjourned.