

Sister Cities Commission Meeting Minutes
Special Commission Meeting
July 28, 2017

Meeting was called to order at 9:08 a.m.

Call to order and commission member introductions. The pledge has been deferred to the end of the meeting.

- Present:
Chairman Lucas Hawley, Commissioner/Secretary Roxane Tyssen, Commissioners: Marilyn Bill & Jim Mueller, Associate Commissioner Reta Brudd; Guests Michael Hiss and Elyse Hiss were present.

The Skype call connected. Edda was translating for us on the Büdingen side, Marilyn did some translation for us in Tinley Park.

Edda Denenhardt and Sieglinde Huxhorn were present on the Büdingen side.

Transportation from the airport upon arrival was discussed. It appears at least one couple will be renting a car at the airport and they may be able to take one or perhaps two other people with them.

Lucas reviewed the list with Edda on arrival and departure dates. There will be 18 people will be at the airport. If the Diessel's are renting a car, this will bring the number down to 16, possibly 15 people if they can take one person with them. The Village shuttle bus holds 12 plus luggage. This will leave 4 (maybe 5) people that will need additional transportation from the airport. Michael Hiss offered to pick up Edda and Egbert (and possibly one more person plus luggage) at the airport.

Departure dates and times were also reviewed with Edda. People are departing on various dates and returning everyone should be less complicated due to the fact we should be able to utilize only the shuttle bus.

A review of host families was done. We should be good on families that are willing to host. Final confirmations are still being made in matching guests with host families.

Specific events for during their visit are still being narrowed down. We will arrange one night at a "haunted house" type event, most likely at the Odyssey, and we have a volunteer to guide a walking architectural tour of Chicago (he does this professionally), and on one of the last nights that the group will be here we will work on arranging a pot-luck style event to share food and drink with each other. As always, we will schedule in host family/guest days so that the groups can spend time together.

Other options to calendar include:

- A tour or one or more churches or cathedrals (Tinley Park or Chicago area)
- One or two days downtown to tour museums, attractions, and to do some shopping.
- Decorate a house/yard for Halloween over an afternoon.
- Tinley Park tour to include the Tinley Park Historical Society and the Vogt Art Center.
- Village Hall/Police/Fire tours of the facilities.
- Arrange a Sister City meeting discussion for our next visit from Tinley Park to Büdingen (2019 is the 30th Anniversary of the Büdingen/Tinley Park official relationship).

September 1st is the next tentative Skype date.

The Pledge was recited.

Discussions on the next Sister City meeting (tentative 7:30 p.m. on August 8), doing a recording of an episode with Ron Centani, having Peg Petrovich to be a host family. Lucas will contact the gentleman regarding the walking tour dates. Jim will follow up with having a boat tour on the same day.

Jim Muller motioned to adj. Meeting adjourned at 11:04 a.m.