

Tinley Park Sister Cities Commission Minutes
Special Meeting
Saturday, August 11, 2018
10:30 a.m. Kallsen Conference Center

Call to Order 10:35 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Recognize Commission members present: Chairman/Commissioner: Lucas Hawley;
Secretary/Commissioner Roxane Tyssen; Commissioner: Marilyn Bill; Associate Commissioner: Reta Brudd.

Absent: Commissioner Jim Muller

Current Business

Hosting Update:

- Lucas updated the Commission on prospective host families. Two new families are confirmed to host our German guests. There are only three Germans left that need host families; two of them are in their late teens and we are trying to get a family with young adults.
- Lucas has reached out to Village Trustees to see if they can make outreaches to their contacts on our behalf to see if they can find a family with young adults.
- Also discussed, were potential home inspections and meeting new/unknown host families. Reta suggested that we have a host family meeting for all families that will be hosting guests. This will be an introduction for new hosts as well as a refresher for those that have hosted before. Reta volunteered to run it once it is scheduled.
- Marilyn suggested that perhaps Trustee Bill Brady can create a project with the Boy Scouts so that they can get some kind of credit for hosting.

Bussing/Transportation:

- Lucas mentioned that 'VJA' (Victor J. Andrew High School) and the Büdingen guests will need transportation. The students will be arriving sometime in mid-September and leaving just before the Büdingen guests arrive.

Reception:

- The "Welcome" reception is confirmed for October 3, 2018 and will be held in the Kallsen Center. The German guests, host families, and Village dignitaries will be invited to attend. Reta will reach out to the Chamber of Commerce to see if a member would be willing to donate staff time to serve refreshments for the event.

Chicago Tour:

- Lucas will contact the volunteer today and if he cannot get a hold of him, he will follow up with an email and we can call him at the regular meeting on Wednesday, August 15, 2018.

Outings:

- Marilyn researched local haunted houses (Tinley Park and immediate neighboring villages/towns), the Tinley Park Historical Society, etc.
 - Forest View Farms and the Odyssey locations were discussed. The Commission likes the idea of Forest View Farms as they have a haunted hayride with an option to reserve a bonfire space for after the hayride. At the bonfire you can bring your own food and drinks (s'mores, hotdogs, pop, water, etc.). We are looking at October 6th for this event.
 - Historical Society visit. This visit will be tied into the Tour Tinley Park day. Julie Dekker suggested that the day start with them at 10:00 a.m. at the Historical Society and include a visit to Vogt Art Center, Tinley Park Police Department, Tinley Park Fire Department, and Old Downtown Oak Park Avenue. A trip to VJA will also be scheduled on an alternate date. We are looking October 4th if the Historical Society and Vogt are willing to open for our visit, if that cannot be accommodated, we are looking at the 10th.
- Roxane gave an update on the option of using her house to decorate for Halloween. We are considering creating teams and have each group decorate a space in the yard. Some decorations will need to be provided by both Roxane and the guests/host families. Items can be returned to the host family after Halloween if they wish.

New Business:

- Gifts:
 - Tinley Park swag for all Büdingen guests was discussed. We would like to give them a pin of some sort and perhaps a t-shirt. Reta will meet with Donna Framke about what is available.
- Emergency Contact:
 - We will create an emergency contact card to provide to all Büdingen guests that includes Police, Fire, and the Clerk's Office information.

Public Comments

- No comment.

Adjourned at 11:53 a.m. Marilyn Bill first, Roxane Tyssen second.