

Sister Cities Commission Meeting Minutes
Special Commission Meeting
March 23, 2017

Meeting was called to order at 9:51 a.m.

The meeting had a delayed start due to technical difficulties.

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 Muller and George Rohde.

Guest: Kathy

Absent: Commissioner JoAnne Dykhuizen and Associate Commissioner Reta Brudd

Present in Büdingen: Edda Denenhardt, Marcus Gerlach and Sieglinde Huxhorn were present on the Büdingen side.

The Skype call connected. Any translating was done by Edda on the Büdingen side and Marilyn translated for us in Tinley Park.

Edda gave us some of the back history on the city of Büdingen as well with some of their other sister cities. We also discussed how Brexit will be effecting them in Germany and concerns that they have.

We reviewed the history of the relationship between Büdingen and Tinley Park and how it all started because of a relationship that Hon. Patrick Rea had with the Prince in Büdingen.

July Visit:

Some people from Tinley Park will be visiting Büdingen in July, 2019. This will be a less formal visit, it will be more of a personal visit with friends. Currently, Jim Muller and five members of his family along with Lucas will be traveling there for the Renaissance Faire in mid-July. On the Büdingen side, they will make efforts to arrange for costumes to wear to the event. Marcus has already made contact with the Renaissance Club to have these reserved. Jim will get sizes for his group to them in the next several days.

Lucas asked about the length of the stay for the visit. He would like to stay at least a week if that is acceptable. Edda stated that he can stay as long as he likes, they will be sure to have accommodations for everyone.

Lucas and Jim mentioned some specific sites that they would like to see while they are there. Edda also talked of some places that she thinks they would like to go to as well.

December Visit:

It will be our 30th Anniversary with Büdingen this year. A second visit is planned for the first week of December for this occasion. Their Christmas Market will be coinciding with our visit then. This will be a more formal visit with some ceremonial events to mark the occasion.

The next Skype will be scheduled in late May.

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