

**MINUTES - SISTER CITY COMMISSION**  
**April 19, 2017**

The meeting began at 7:03 p.m.

**Present:** Chairman Michael Hiss; Secretary/Commissioner Roxane DeVos Tyssen; Commissioners: Marilyn Bill, JoAnne Dykhuizen, Lucas Hawley, Jim Muller, Diane Przybylski, and George Rohde; Trustee Liaison: Kevin Suggs; Village of Tinley Park Staff Liaison: Antonia Steinmiller

**Absent:** Jeannie Krichbaum.

**Guests:** Wally Wasel (Public)

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The agenda was reviewed and approved; Jim - first, Marilyn - second

March Minutes were read and approved. Jim - first, George - second.

Secretary's Report:

- There was no Secretary's report.

Büdingen Sister City Update:

- Chairman Hiss announced that there have been some changes to their Sister City group. Edda will still be our contact, she has become the official contact for Tinley Park.
- They have a new chairman.
- Edda is working with their IT department to look into us being able to skype with them for one of their meetings. They are held on Monday's around noon our time.

Student Exchange:

- Jim offered to host the student who is looking for an internship. This individual is still looking at a sports related internship and has been to Tinley before with a student exchange. Antonia will reach out to the Tinley Park District to see if something could be arranged with them.

Discover Tinley:

- Some new interest has been generated as far as meeting new people/residents who are interested in traveling to Büdingen this summer. One man in particular was interesting in going there with his son during Oktoberfest. He would be interested in staying with a host family if it is possible.
- SCC had the best booth we have ever had with video, artwork and swag giveaways.

#### Büdingen Delegation:

- Lucas is still interested in going in July. He found a flight with reasonable airfare. He would represent the Tinley Park Sister City Commission.
- Lucas will bring with him some items for a cultural exchange (some artwork, music or even some SCC swag).
- Michael will introduce Lucas and Edda.
- Michael will contact Julie Dekker at Vogt about some artwork.

#### Cultural Exchange:

- Michael Paus is working on a CD of music.
- The Library just had a photography contest, we will look into getting some digital copies of the work to put on a CD or flash drive to send to Edda.
- JoAnne is still trying to get in touch with the folks at the Painted Turtle to see if they can also provide some items.

#### Nowy Sącz, Poland Update:

- Michael needs to meet with the new Mayor of Tinley Park to discuss our relationship with them.
- They already consider us their Sister City.
- Marilyn stated that we need to contact Sister City International on procedures of how to make things official.

#### SCC Artwork:

- The pieces are going up at the Library on May 1st. Marilyn will bring the framed works there and they will have their people install them.

#### Branding and Swag:

- The Village is still working on the new logo. Along with this we would like our own logo.
- New swag items discussed were travel cups, pens, buttons/pins, and travel size hand sanitizer.

#### Community Engagement:

- Events for 2017: Discover Tinley, Vogt Art Center event, Tinley Exchange article, Christkindle/Winter Market in Tinley Park, and a "field trip" to the Christkindlmarket held annually in the Chicago Loop.
- We should look into decorating a tree in Zabrocki Plaza.
- Farmer's Market - handing out literature. Becky Nichols runs it. Look to have them dedicate one day to our Sister Cities and have German & Irish food as a theme of the market. Invite Chef Klaus, Winston's Zittermier's and Fleckenstien's.
- We should look into marching in the St. Pat's Parade in Tinley Park.

New Business:

- Lucas spoke with Laura and Michael about a US Sister City. Ken Shaw reached out to him about having another music-themed city as an additional Sister City to partner with our new brand. Ideas tossed around were Austin, Texas, Nashville, Tennessee and New Orleans, Louisiana.
- Jim would like to be the contact person for Mallow, Ireland. Michael will get him the contact information.
- We should look at having the new Mayor attend our next skype with Büdingen. We are looking at May 27th at 9 a.m. at Village Hall for our next call.

There were no public comments.

Meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.