

Tinley Park Sister Cities Commission

Minutes January 2023, 2022

7:00 p.m. Kallsen Center

The January 18, 2022 meeting was held in the Kallsen Center and called to order at 7:06 p.m. by Vice-Chairman Lucas Hawley who led the meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call:

- Recognize Commission members present: Chairman Patrick Rea (via telephone), Secretary/Commissioner Roxane Tyssen; Commissioners: Vice Chair Lucas Hawley, David Niemeyer, Michele Rons, and Mike Roche
- Staff Liaison: N/A
- Absent: Commissioners: Sarah Krause (excused), Jim Muller (excused), George Rohde; Trustee Liaison: William Brady

Approval of Minutes:

- Dave Niemeyer made a motion to approve the November 2022 minutes with changes, Chairman Patrick Rea seconded, motion approved, minutes were passed.

Sister City Updates:

Büdingen, Germany Update:

- Roxane sent Edda a WhatsApp request for a meeting in late February or early March to for a zoom call.
- There was a mention of their Medieval Fest and whether or not Mayor Glotz has received a formal invitation from the Burgermeister of Büdingen.
- During the same weekend of the Medieval Fest, Aulendiebach will be hosting a Friendship Fest, details of this were discussed.
- We will be setting a date to formally invite them back to Tinley Park.

Mallow, Ireland Update:

- There is no update from Mallow.

Nowy Sącz, Poland:

- We have no updates on Poland.
- Roxane will reach out to a contact that currently residing in Poland near Nowy Sącz.

Prospective Sister Cities:

Jordan, Aqaba:

- Pat and Roxane had dinner with Consul General Ishan Swiss and his assistant Wafa Hanania
- The Commission had additional discussions on travel dates, what to see while we are there, and how we will travel to and from Amman and Aqaba, and more.
- The Consul General wanted to remind everyone that their passports must NOT be expiring in less than six months. If anyone has a passport that will be expiring in less than six months they must renew it now.

Municipality of Ghadamis, Libya:

- The call has been scheduled January 26th, 2023.

Additional Potential Sister Cities

- None to discuss.

Old Business:

- Nothing to report.

New and Upcoming Business:

- The Irish Day Parade and our participation in it was talked about.

Public comments/Announcements:

- There was no public present.

Adjourned:

- Pat Rea made a motion to adjourn, Roxane Tyssen seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.