

City of Lawrence

Lawrence Sister Cities Advisory Board

08 June, 2016 Meeting Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Bob Schumm, Ken Albrecht, Michelle Fales, Bill Keel, Amy Pope, Kelly Scholz, Jennifer Carttar, Hans Carttar, Jon Josserand
MEMBERS ABSENT:	Billy Williams, Dennis Christilles, Kathleen Hodge, Jon Niccum, Mike Dever
STAFF LIAISON PRESENT:	Porter Arneill
PUBLIC PRESENT:	None

Chair Bob Schumm opened the Meeting at City Hall at 5:33 on 08 June 2016.

Meeting Materials Provided: Meeting Agenda, 11 May 2016 Draft Meeting Minutes, Monthly Financial Report

Draft Meeting Minutes

- Minutes were reviewed and approved unanimously.

Financial Report - Fales

- Review of financials report.
- Trip money keeps coming in. Appreciate Arne's oversight.
- Received Eutin payments last month from Amyx, DCCC, Hodges, and Carttars
- Prepared a wire for Eutin Friendship Garden payment but have to physically go to the bank to send. Thursday or Friday this week.
- Kelly-Are Hiratsuka parents sending their member checks in? Kelly will check with Kathleen.
- Think the Eutin account was cleared out. The checks were made out to Arne so he needs to deposit the checks in his account then write a check back to the SC Board. Michelle will get those to Kelly and they'll take care of it.
- Financial report approved.

City Budget 2017 - Schumm

- Bob wasn't at the May meeting but there was an exchange of emails regarding the 2017 budget.
- Kelly expressed concern about the liability insurance increase.
- Bob-with tight budgets, we don't need to increase right now. Bob used the power of the chair to make the decision as he thought it was justifiable and had to meet the deadline.
- Ken reminded the group about the city's \$2500 contribution for the Friendship Garden too.
- Michelle asked about submitting for allocation for 2016. Porter explained the request process per Lisa Kany in Finance. Michelle will submit and will craft an itemized 2017 budget.

Membership Update - Josserand

- The letter is now at the printer. Plan to send 250 letters.

Hiratsuka Delegation - Scholz

- October 12 through 15, 2016
- We don't have the full list of delegates yet but anticipate about 20 people. The list should be forthcoming.
- The group met at Kathleen's on May 17 to begin crafting a schedule framework. Details are still in process but they're trying not to replicate all of the same things since some of the delegates may be here for a 2nd visit.
 - Circle S is being planned for the last evening, October 13. Similar to last time with wagon rides, party barn, etc.
- Michelle asked about getting coupons for shopping downtown through DLI. She'll check with Sally Zogry.
- Also need to seek donations. Fales to ask at 23rd Street and Henry T's; Scholz will check with Free State. Amy can check through the Bourgeois Pig.
- Another meeting will be planned at Kathleen's in the near future.

Friends of Eutin

- They are blogging in Eutin about the Garden Show and Friendship Garden. Kelly will send a weekly compilation when she can.
- Group from Lawrence includes M. Dever, K. and A. Scholz, and D. Walzel
- Official activities include a luncheon with the Mayor as well as the opening of the garden and German American night – all on June 23. Also, tickets to the Opera on the 24th.
- Mayor Amyx delivered a letter and Mike Dever will present as past Mayor of Lawrence.

Friends of Iniades

- Christilles talked about resigning but has agreed to stay on the board. Theo is interested and would be a good rep to join the board although there's no opening right now.
- Schumm will contact Christilles to determine how he wants to handle. With the KU program cancelled, not sure what Theo can do.
- Schumm-need to take the initiative to take some HS students over like Hiratsuka. Find funding and set up the event.
- We've lost contact with folks in Iniades.
- JJ-we've not asked them to participate. If we aren't more proactive and rely on the KU program every 2 years, the program will fizzle.
- Suggestion to go through Dmitra. Have had some conversations. Rachel Perry has contacts in Iniades. We provided a letter in support of a grant.
- Bill-does friends of Iniades exist? Yes but not sure what their status is. There was a go fund me program for the schools. Need to send the link-Kelly will check with Dennis.

Miscellaneous

- Two interns were going to visit this summer from Eutin but one postponed. Looking for host families.
- Diana Carlin is done with Saint Louis University and is traveling.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.