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City of Lawrence  
Outside Agency Annual Report  
For Calendar Year 2021

During 2021, Sister Cities Lawrence again had to postpone the following planned activities due to the pandemic:

- 1) Student exchanges in both directions with our partner Eutin, Germany.
- 2) Student exchanges in both directions with our partner Hiratsuka, Japan.
- 3) The 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary adult delegation visit from Lawrence to Hiratsuka, Japan, scheduled for October 2020.
- 4) Our annual scholarship fundraiser normally held in November of each year.

Continuing initiatives in 2021:

- 1) The Membership Committee continues to recover the loss of members over the years and recruit new members under the leadership of Amy Meyers and Jan Miller.
- 2) Expanded a professional webpage for Sister Cities Lawrence under the leadership of Phyllis Farrar: [sistercitieslawrence.org](https://sistercitieslawrence.org)
- 3) Continued the initiative to provide news articles by our members about how the pandemic has impacted Lawrence that are translated from English to German and sent to Friends of Lawrence in Eutin to appear in the local newspaper there: *Ostholsteiner Anzeiger*—as of December 2021, **nine articles** had been submitted and published.
- 4) At long last, a reduced group of 5 individuals from our **Greek sister city Iniades** did come to Lawrence for a hosted visit over the Christmas holidays 2021. The group had originally numbered 9 and this was the fifth attempt to travel to Lawrence since April 2020! Our subgroup “Friends of Iniades” was responsible for hosting our guests.

Milestone in 2021:

Sister Cities Lawrence received the prestigious **2021 Award for Innovation in Arts and Culture** from Sister Cities International at its annual conference in July <https://sistercities.org/2021/09/23/2021-annual-award-winners/> This is a major international achievement on the part of Sister Cities Lawrence and recognition for our activities in international understanding and cooperation despite the restrictions of the pandemic.

**Financial Overview (with minor rounding of amounts):**

**Income during 2021**

|                               |                       |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Membership dues/contributions | \$1225                |
| Interest on accounts          | \$ 52                 |
| Contribution from the City:   | \$8,000               |
| <b>Total 2021 income:</b>     | <b><u>\$9,277</u></b> |

**Expenditures during 2021:**

**Misc. annual expenses:**

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| a) Sister Cities International dues                            | \$ 810                                     |
| b) Webpage development   | \$ 324                                     |
| c) Liability insurance   | \$ 798                                     |
| d) Fee to Secretary of State KS                                | \$ 40                                      |
| e) PO Box rental   | \$ 216                                     |
| Friends of Iniades for hosting group visit                     | \$ 798, including \$581 expended Dec. 2021 |
| Transfer to 5-year anniversary fund<br>for Eutin and Hiratsuka | \$4,800                                    |
| Transfer to scholarship fund                                   | \$ 670                                     |
| Misc.  | \$ 13                                      |

**Total expenses:** **\$8,469**

**2021 balance remaining** **\$ 808**

**Deficit reported for calendar 2020:** **-\$1,480**

**Deficit after two years of pandemic:** **-\$ 672**

**Respectfully submitted,**



**William D. Keel, chair  
Governing Board, Sister Cities Lawrence**