



**c/o Watkins Community Museum, 1047 Massachusetts Street, Lawrence, KS 66044**

Date: February 14, 2023

City of Lawrence  
Outside Agency Annual Report  
For Calendar Year 2022

During 2022, **Sister Cities Lawrence** again had to postpone the following planned activities due to the pandemic:

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

Continuing and resumed initiatives in 2022:

- 1) The Membership Committee continued 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](http://sistercitieslawrence.org);
- 3) Continued an award-winning initiative to provide news articles by our members about life in Lawrence that are translated from English to German and sent to Friends of Lawrence in Eutin, Germany, to appear in the local newspaper there: Ostholsteiner Anzeiger—as of December 2022, ten articles had been submitted and published;
- 4) Initiated negotiations with the mayor of Messolonghi, Greece, to facilitate transfer of our sister-city relationship with Iniades, Greece, to the larger municipal entity of which Iniades is now politically a subdivision;
- 5) After a 3-year pause due to the pandemic, we restarted our high-school student exchange with the two high schools in Eutin. In June, Avery Miller chaperoned 5 Lawrence students during a 4-week stay in Eutin with an excursion to Berlin. We included students from Seabury Academy for the first time in this exchange. In September, Eutin teacher Valk Freidel accompanied 12 students from the two Eutin high schools for a 4-week stay in Lawrence with an excursion to New York City at the end; a reception for host families, students, teachers and community leaders was held at the Watkins Community Museum in late September;

- 6) In May, Sister Cities Lawrence began working with the Watkins Community Museum which has resulted in a special exhibit at the museum in fall 2022 of the recognition of Sister Cities Lawrence by Sister Cities International in the area of cultural exchange as well as a formal affiliation of Sister Cities Lawrence with the Watkins Museum.

Financial Overview for 2022 (with minor rounding of amounts):

**Income during 2022**

Membership dues:	\$ 1,828
Interest on accounts:	\$ 173
Contributions (scholarship fund): (incl. \$500 - Rotary/\$2,037 – German School NE KS)	\$ 3,387
Payments from students on Eutin exchange	\$ 7,600
German Academic Partnership Subsidy	\$ 1,060
Appropriation from the City of Lawrence:	\$ 8,000
<b>Total 2022 income:</b>	<b><u>\$ 22,048</u></b>

**Expenditures during 2022:**

Misc. annual expenses:	
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 & Postage	\$ 241
f) Miscellaneous	\$ 366
Friends of Hiratsuka for 30 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gift and Virtual Celebration	\$ 316
*Transfer to 5-year anniversary fund for Eutin and Hiratsuka	\$ 4,800
*Transfer to scholarship fund	\$ 2,437
Eutin Exchange Expenses, including scholarships	\$15,164
<b>Total expenses including transfers*:</b>	<b><u>\$ 25,296</u></b>

Respectfully submitted,



William D. Keel, Chair  
Governing Board  
Sister Cities Lawrence