

SISTER CITY COMMISSION

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE SISTER CITY OF PEORIA, ILLINOIS

JANUARY 25, 2023 – 3:30 p.m.

On January 25, 2023, a meeting of the Sister City Commission was held at 3:30 p.m., in City Hall with Chair Rex Linder presiding.

ROLL CALL

Roll call showed the following commissioners present: Rex Linder; Jim Dillon; Jim Spears; Julie Enzenberger, Patrick Roessler, Joan Sattler, Diane Joseph, Dee Walker, Tom Stenessa and Kevin Sullivan (via phone.)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the November 2, 2022, meeting were approved on motion of Joan Sattler and second by Jim Dillon.

CLONMEL UPDATE

Jim Dillon reported the Irish Derby held on November 18, 2023 was a big success. Proceeds will go to the Sister City Scholarship at Bradley to help Yvonne Murphy.

Jim Spears reported there will be a trip organized by Jimmy's Bar to Clonmel March 25 to April 1, 2023. Eighty-seven people have signed up. There will be a Trivia contest at Kerrys Bar.

Jim Dillon reported Yvonne Murphy is at Bradley for her senior year. She is an assistant resident advisor in a dorm. She is also an unpaid intern at Pearl Technologies.

Jim Dillon reported the Sister City School Program has been slowed due to Covid, but hopefully will be more active.

Jim Dillon reported the Friends of Clonmel purchased an OWL for Clonmel which is working fine.

Jim Dillon reported that there will be a St. Patrick's Day parade on Farmington Road in West Peoria on March 11, 2023.

Jim Dillon reported the relationship between Bradley University and Limerick University is progressing. Clonmel is working on making arrangements for Bradley student housing.

Richie Malloy will become Mayor of Clonmel in June.

FRIEDRICHSHAFEN UPDATE

Dee Walker reported that the Student Exchange will resume this summer with Peoria hosting a group from Friedrichshafen. The German students will be here from July 26 through August 15, 2023. We expect 10 students.

Dee Walker and Rex Linder reported the stein dedication date for Germany is still a work in progress.

BENIX UPDATE

No report.

AYTOU UPDATE

Plans are being made for the 10th Anniversary of the relationship with Aytou in 2024.

Diane Joseph reported that fundraising to support the crisis in Lebanon continues. Money is sent on a monthly basis for medication and other necessities.

OTHER

The annual International Dinner will be April 28, 2023 at the Itoo Hall.

The Peoria Area World Affairs Council has organized Global Fest at Five Points in Washington for February 11, 2023.

CITIZENS OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS COMMISSION

None

NEXT MEETING

April 26, 2023 at 3:30 p.m. in City Hall.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m