

SISTER CITY COMMISSION

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE SISTER CITY OF PEORIA, ILLINOIS JULY 19,2023 – 3:30 p.m.

On July 19, 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

Rex Linder welcomed newly appointed member Karin Smith to the Sister City Commission.

Roll call showed the following commissioners present: Rex Linder; Jim Dillon; Jim Spears; Julie Enzenberger, Tim Doyle, Dee Walker, Tom Stenessa, Tom Menold, Kevin Sullivan, Diana Joseph and Karin Smith

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the April 26, 2023, meeting were approved on motion of Kevin Sullivan and second by Jim Spears.

CLONMEL UPDATE

Jim Dillon reported that guests from Clonmel will come to Peoria for the 25th Anniversary September 12-16, 2023.

Jim Dillon reported that the Irish Fest will be held on the Riverfront the last weekend of August.

Jim Dillon reported that Yvonne Murphy graduated May 13. She has a job lined up at Pearl Technologies and will be a graduate assistant next semester at Bradley.

Jim Dillon reported the Intercontinental Readers Book Club remains active under Terry Tate's guidance.

Jim Dillon reported the Irish Fest will be the last weekend in August.

Jim Spears reported the Irish Derby will be November 18, 2023.

FRIEDRICHSHAFEN UPDATE

Dee Walker reported that the Student Exchange will be held July 26 through August 15, 2023. 10 German students are expected. A Welcome Party will be held July 28 at Robinson Park and a Farewell Party on August 12 at Detweiller Park. A number of activities are planned in between those events.

Dee Walker and Rex Linder reported the stein dedication in Germany will be by October 24, 2023. Anyone interested in attending can work with Dee or make their own arrangements.

BENIX UPDATE

No report.

AYTOU UPDATE

Diana Joseph reported on the status of terrible conditions in Aytou.

The Aytou Relief Committee sends \$3,000 per month for prescriptions, food and other necessities. Diana Joseph reported the Annual Itoo Supper will be Sunday, November 5, 2023.

Diana Joseph reported approximately 40 people were in Aytou recently for a wedding.

Diana Joseph reported the 10th Anniversary of our Sister City relationship with Aytou will be in 2024. Activities are being planned.

OTHER

Diana Joseph reported the 2023 Annual International Dinner had 277 paid attendees and over 300 with comped tickets and workers. The 2024 International Dinner will be April 26, 2024.

CITIZENS OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS COMMISSION

None

NEXT MEETING

November 8, 2023 at 3:30 p.m. in City Hall.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:20 p.m