

SISTER CITY COMMISSION

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE SISTER CITY OF PEORIA, ILLINOIS NOVEMBER 8, 2023

On November 8, 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 Patricia Melaik to the Sister City Commission.

Roll call showed the following commissioners present: Rex Linder, Jim Dillon, Jim Spears, Patrick Roesler, Patricia Melaik, Tom Stenesa, Karin Smith, Dee Walker, Diana Joseph and Tom Menold.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the July 19, 2023 meeting were approved on motion of Dee Walker and second by Tom Menold.

CLONMEL UPDATE

Jim Dillon reported that Clonmel Mayor Richie Malloy, his wife Sangeeta, Aiden Fennessy and Jacinta Gavigan were in Peoria September 12-16, 2023. There was a welcome ceremony at City Hall at 3:00 p.m., on September 13 followed by a reception at Jimmy's Bar. There were additional activities.

Jim Dillon reported the Irish Fest went very well and that the Irish Derby will be November 18, 2023 at Rabers.

Jim Dillon reported that there's not been much activity between the Sister City elementary schools since Covid.

Jim Dillon reported that Yvonne Murphy is attending graduate school at Bradley and working at Pearl Technologies.

Jim Dillon reported Friends of Clonmel Annual Meeting will be Sunday, November 12, 2023.

FRIEDRICHSHAFEN UPDATE

Dee Walker reported that the Student Exchange was held July 26 through August 15, 2023. Ten German students from Friedrichshafen were hosted by local families. A Welcome Party was held July 28 at Robinson Park and a Farewell Party was held August 12 at Detweiller Park. A number of activities took place between those events.

Dee Walker, Tom Stenesa, Tom Menold and Rex Linder reported on the Stein dedication in Friedrichshafen held October 24, 2023. In addition to the dedication ceremonies there were a number of other activities.

Dee Walker reported the Annual Meeting of Friends of Friedrichshafen will be later this month.

BENXI UPDATE

No report

AYTOU UPDATE

Dianna Joseph reported that plans for the 10th Anniversary in 2024 are up in the air due to the situation in Lebanon.

Dianna Joseph reported on the terrible conditions in Lebanon due to Hezbollah controlling much of the country.

Dianna Joseph reported 40 Peorians attended a wedding in Aytou last summer.

Dianna Joseph reported the Annual Meeting will be November 14, 2023, at Lariat Steakhouse.

Dianna Joseph reported the Aytou Relief Committee continues to send money and medicine monthly to Aytou.

OTHER

Dianna Joseph reported the Annual International Dinner is currently scheduled for Friday, April 26, 2024, at the Itoo Hall.

CITIZENS OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS COMMISSION

None

NEXT MEETING

January 24, 2024 at 3:30 p.m., in City Hall.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m.