

Tinley Park Sister Cities Commission Meeting Minutes August 20, 2014

Members Present-

Acting Chair: Randal Tietz; Secretary: Roxane DeVos Tyssen; Commissioners: Marilyn Bill, Joanne Dykhuizen and Carol Tietz; Trustee Liaison: T. J. Grady;

Members Not Present-

Commissioners: Lucas Hawley, Peg Petrovich and Diane Przybylski

Acting Chairman Randal Tietz called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m.

Motion to approve agenda for tonight's meeting: Commissioner Tietz; Second, Commissioner Bill.

Minutes from July were read and approved: Commissioner Bill, Seconded Commissioner C. Tietz.

Trustee Report

- Trustee Grady reported that the [Wizard of] Oz Fest will be held in Tinley Park next year. The fest has previously been held in Chesterton, IN, however due to a lack of volunteers they have decided to move it. Tinley Park was selected as the new location. They were going to try to have it this year but ran out of time to coordinate volunteers, obtain permits, etc.
- There were several complaints about the Kiss concert being too loud. However, these were mainly residents of Matteson and not Tinley Park.
- Mike Mertens is the Asst. Village Manager and has volunteered to assist the SCC with Village related needs (announcements regarding the Büdingen visit; contact with our two other Sister Cities - Mallow, Ireland and Nowy Sącz, Poland; et. al.).

Acting Chair Report

- Randy reviewed handouts that were distributed to the Commissioners.
- There is a German student who would like to stay here for the entire school year. On average it costs around \$3800 per student for this type of exchange. This cost is paid for by the students' family. They would come out one week before school starts and leave one week after the school year ends. We were asked if we could help with finding a host family. We need someone at the Village to assist with the paperwork - background check on the host family, any help with the students' visa if needed, etc. Commissioner Tyssen suggested that we could start with the contact information in the gmail account that the SCC uses for communication. These are people who have approached the SCC at Discover Tinley. Trustee Grady mentioned that his daughter is a guidance counselor at Tinley Park High School and that she may be able to offer some assistance with this as well.
- There are currently 8 host families that are needed for the VIP German visit in October. We have to find 1 or 2 more hosts for 3 more people.
- Commissioners met with Andrew teacher coordinating the student exchange. She provided Randy with a tentative calendar of events during the time that the German students are here.
- Mayor Zabrocki will personally sponsor a pizza party for the students the first week that they are here. It was discussed that there may not be a SCC meeting that night as Commissioners are also invited.

- Activities for the Sister City 25th Anniversary visit were discussed. The suggestions were a haunted house, brunch at the Odyssey Country Club, cosmic bowl, roller skating, Chicago Wolves game, tour of Tinely Park, micro brewery tours, etc. A Formal Reception welcoming the group will be held on October 24th at the Kallsen Center.

New Business

- No new business.

Old Business

- None

Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned 8:45 p.m.

Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting – September 17, 2014