SISTER CITY ADVISORY BOARD
MOTION SUMMARY
October 9, 2018

ITEM 1. ROLL CALL

The Sister City Advisory Board Meeting was called to order by Chairman Guebert at 6:00 p.m.

Members Present: Julie Horvath, Collen Rush, Julie Means, Mayor Carolyn Riggle, Darrell Albon, and Chairman Rand Guebert

Members Absent: Rita Selle Grider

Motion to Excuse: Ms. Rush motioned to excuse Ms. Selle Grider, seconded by Mayor Riggle. Motion approved by a 6-0 vote.

ITEM 2. ELECTION of Officers

A. Chairperson
B. Vice-Chairperson

Motion: A motion was made by Mayor Riggle and seconded by Ms. Rush to nominate Mr. Guebert as Chairperson for the Sister City Advisory Board. Motion approved by a 6-0 vote.

Motion: A motion was made by Mayor Riggle and seconded by Ms. Horvath to nominate Ms. Rush as Vice-Chair of the Sister City Advisory Board. Another motion was made by Ms. Rush and seconded by Ms. Means to nominate Mr. Albon as Vice-Chair. Motion was approved to nominate Ms. Rush as Vice-Chair of the Sister City Advisory Board by a vote of 5-1.

ITEM 3. APPROVAL of the Motion Summary of the Sister City Advisory Board meeting held on July 10, 2018, as recorded and transcribed.

Motion: Mayor Riggle moved to approve the Motion Summary of the Sister City Advisory Board meeting held on July 10, 2018, as recorded and transcribed, seconded by Mr. Albon. Motion approved by a 6-0 vote.

ITEM 4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Riggle stated that she has been approached by two people who would like to join the Sister City Advisory Board. This will be brought before Council for discussion and decision.

ITEM 5. REVIEW on Baumholder Visit

Chairman Guebert shared that he, Councilwoman Keller, and her mother, Debbie Grandits traveled to Baumholder for the opening of the museum. The trip was very nice, the hosts were very pleasant, and the Delaware Delegation had a wonderful trip. The itinerary was not nearly as full as the one that was planned for the German delegation. The Delaware delegation had downtime to explore and spend time with their host families.

A German delegation traveled to Delaware the week of September 29, 2018. Mayor Riggle stated that she and City Manager Tom Homan met with Berndt Alsfasser and Berndt Mai to plan how to move forward as Sister Cities. A tree was planted in the City in honor of the visit. The Board felt that it was a great experience for all involved. Chairman Guebert will be traveling back to Germany in June. City Manager Tom Homan stated that in 2020, the OWU soccer team will be visiting Baumholder, as well as a potential City delegation.

ITEM 6. UPDATE on Sakata

A. Art Exchange

The Ken Doman Photography exchange will be scheduled for some time in 2020. Erin Fletcher, Director of the Ross Art Museum is working with her Japanese counterpart on the planning of this event.

B. Sakata Delegation

Students from Sakata will be visiting the first week of November. Ms. Horvath will confirm their itinerary.

ITEM 7. UPDATE on Ireland

A group of 30 gymnasts will be traveling to Lahardane, Ireland over spring break, and a group of 16 high school athletes will be going in June. Ms. Rush will be attending both trips. Ms. Horvath will be attending the June trip. It was mentioned that Lahardane is very interested in becoming a Sister City of Delaware.

ITEM 8. Annual Report

Chairman Guebert asked Board Members if they had any questions or comments about the Sister City Advisory Board Annual Report. There were no questions or comments.

ITEM 8. MEMBER COMMENTS

A discussion was held on raising money for the Sister City Advisory Board with a goal of raising several thousand dollars per year. Chairman Guebert would like to add this to the agenda for the January 2019 meeting. In the meantime, he asked that the Board think about ideas for fundraising. Ms. Rush mentioned having a Sister City Festival, possibly at the fairgrounds.

Chairman Guebert also mentioned the amount of work the Sister City visit placed on Council Clerk, Elaine McCloskey. He made the suggestion that Board Members "adopt a City" and take on the planning of events if there are visitors coming to Delaware. This is another topic that will be taken to the January agenda for discussion and ideas.

Ms. Means asked for an update on our Russian Sister City. Chairman Guebert stated that basically that relationship is dormant at this time. However, Rotary will be sending two students to Russia in 2019. This may renew the Sister City relationship with Russia.

ITEM 10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: January 8, 2019

ITEM 11. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Ms. Rush moved to adjourn the Sister City Advisory Board Meeting, seconded by Ms. Horvath. The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Rand Guebert, Chairman

Elaine McCloskey, Clerk