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Sister City Committee

Monday, January 14, 2018, 3:00 p.m.

Westmont Village Hall, 31 W. Quincy Street, Westmont, Illinois 60559

MINUTES

1. **Call To Order** - Chair Larry McIntyre called the meeting to order at 3:02 pm
2. **Roll Call** - Chair Larry McIntyre, Ambassador Angela Yang (via phone at 3:16pm), Steve May, Kevin Carey, Larry Forssberg, Tom Mulhearn, Bob Fleck (3:12pm), Pete Landreth (4:00pm), GUESTS - Spencer Parker, Heidi Westra
3. **Pledge of Allegiance** - Led by Manager May
4. **Public Comment** - None
5. **Minutes** - Motion to approve by Larry Forssberg, second by Kevin Carey, all approved by voice vote
6. **Review of 2018 Programs and Events**
 - a. Spencer Parker presented and reviewed budget of Sister City Expenses for the past 3 years, conversation ensued about budget going forward and cutting back compared to years we travelled to Taiwan
 - b. Manager May talked about the history of the Sister City program and related expenses
 - c. CUSD201 is considering sending exchange students every other year to Taiwan and receiving students from Taiwan the other year, which was the original plan for the student exchange program
 - d. The group discussed maintaining a \$10,000 budget for Sister City Program for May 1, 2019 - April 30, 2020
 - e. We had a busy couple years - we need to greatly reduce the budget as well as the number of activities in 2019
 - f. Principal Yang visited the Jr. High while in Westmont - Angela mentioned possibility of Taiwan Jr High students come to WJH exchange, which doesn't seem likely due to limited CUSD201 resources (staff, etc.)
 - g. Larry M. asked Angela if she has started Taiwanese student exchange process yet for this year

ACTION ITEM: Kevin will check into having a Jr. High Exchange as well as discuss the timeframe for Sister City Student exchanges

ACTION ITEM - Spencer to send out bills/invoices from 2018 spring trip to Taiwan (Clemens, Karesh, Park District, etc.)

7. New Business

a. 2019 Programs and Events

i. Spring Student Exchange & Subsidy Request

1. Manager May talked through a subsidy request
2. It was stated that student trips are never subsidized by the school
3. It was discussed that the Sister City Committee might be able to coach families how to do fundraising
4. It was mentioned that the cost for this trip is almost half the cost of other foreign exchange trips
5. The Committee discussed a subsidy and unanimously agreed (Fleck - abstain) that this would not be appropriate based on the Sister City budget, the reduced price of the trip, and usual foreign exchange trip protocols
6. Committee agreed that even if any subsidy was considered in the future it would be towards program costs and not individual subsidy.

ii. Student Exchange Presentation

1. Create presentation after each trip
2. The High School students could possibly make a presentation in May for Heritage Month
3. Presentation could possibly be at Village Hall or WHS

iii. Heritage Month Events in May

1. No scheduled events in May 2019
2. Maybe the student presentation

iv. Taste of Westmont

1. Angela will ask about sending a chef and students
2. Angela and Larry will figure out budget for TOW
3. Sister City Committee will ask for involvement from committee, families and volunteers for Taste of Taiwan booth

v. Cultural Events in August-September

1. Maybe no events this time of year

vi. Double 10 Events

1. Double 10 Reception - No date yet
2. No Parade in 2019 per Angela
3. Dinner event will be scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 6
4. Folk Sport Performance will be on Saturday, Oct 5, hosted by TACCGC

vii. Fall Student Exchange

1. The group discussed and embraced the original student exchange schedule of sending and receiving students every other year (IE: 2019 - WHS sends students to Taiwan; 2020 - Taiwan sends students to WHS; etc.)

b. Hsinchu County Visit

- i. Magistrate Chiu Retirement
 1. The Magistrate retired on Dec. 25, and he is now travelling
 2. **ACTION ITEM: Angela needs to submit receipt for plaques**
- ii. New Magistrate Yang Introduction
 1. Give him time to adjust and get acclimated
 2. Very laid back personality compared to previous Magistrate

c. Student Exchange Spring 2019

- i. Review of Schedule
 1. Depart March 22, Return March 31
 2. Angela will block the 17 seats for flight
 3. Pete will send Angela passport names and DOB in spreadsheet
 4. Angela, Pete and Larry M to review schedule again Thursday 1/17, 3pm
ACTION ITEM - Larry M will schedule meeting to review exchange trip with Angela and Pete
- ii. Confirmation of Participants
 1. 15 participants (7 boys, 8 girls) confirmed
 2. 2nd payment due tomorrow per Pete
- iii. Misc.
 1. Congratulations to Angela on performance Saturday night.
 2. It was suggested to have an annual meeting with TECO, maybe make an official invitation to the May student exchange presentation, around Heritage Week
 3. Larry M mentioned we are creating Press Release about 30th Anniversary for TECO in Westmont and the 40th Anniversary for

Taiwanese Act

4. Angela invited Pete's club to be in the Chinese New Years parade and maybe ride on the Taiwanese Chamber float

8. Committee Member Reports/Assignments/Action Items

ACTION ITEM - Larry M will send action items to all

9. **Budget & 2019 Meetings Update** - Discussed earlier in meeting

10. **Misc./Next Meeting** - Monday, February 11 2019, 3pm

11. **Adjourn** - Motion to adjourn made by Bob Fleck, 2nd by Manager Steve May, meeting adjourned at 4:11pm.