



# CITY OF DE PERE

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Sister Cities Committee  
De Pere, WI 54115

Date: September 21, 2006

## Committee Meeting

Kathy passed out packets of information with the agenda, minutes of the last meeting, and sheets to provide an analysis of the cities we already have.

Meeting called to order at 16:13 by Committee Chair Kathy VanVonderen in the Riverview room at city hall.

**Attending:** Jim Stupka, Paul Kegel, Jerilyn Schad, Christine Fossen-Rades, Bill Patzke (late).

**Absent:** Fr Seamus Nielson, Lynn Lee, Larry Delo, Ben Villarruel, Tracy Hopkins, Candy Heidersheid, Ron Baeten, Mayor Walsh.

Review of minutes from the last meeting, good.

Kathy passed around thank you notes for our speakers from the past two meetings. Comments were made about how disappointed members were at missing one or the other presentation.

Kathy initiated a discussion on the accomplishments we have made so far. The discussion ranged from where we started to where we expect to potentially go. There was an overview of the goals the committee had been using as part of the selection process.

Christine was unable to attend the MEGTEC presentations and asked for input from the group about how we felt on their choices. Members gave her positive feedback about their feeling with regard to any interaction with a MEGTEC selection.

Kathy focused the group on prioritizing our goals. One of the items passed out was a rating scale for setting priorities. Discussion about the priority scale and how it could be applied to the goals. Review of the goals and the how they related to the work done so far. The extended discussion separated technology from communications and combined education with the youth categories giving us a total of ten categories. It was suggested we select those we felt were most important and give them a 1. The categories were: Economic Development, Education/Youth, and Communications. The second most important categories were given a 2, they were: Arts/Culture, Public Health and Safety, Environment, Municipal Cooperation, and Technology. There was an extended discussion about ranking the criteria into sub-categories or picking the most important ones to limit the potential for having six choices again, no real conclusion was reached. Paul stated that he felt arts/culture should be a 1 also. The members decide that Historical Background and Comparable Population had no relevance and gave them a 5, basically eliminating the criteria. Discussions continued focusing on the rating scale and revising it to assist in spreading out the importance of the categories. Discussion relating to application of the goals and their relevance to the individual cities.

Discussions continued until we were removed from the room for court.

Meeting review: Everyone agreed it was a good meeting with a lot to think about. Paul asked why we can't get more people to attend the meetings, it was decided that some personal contacts were the best way to get some additional help.

Next meetings are scheduled for Thursday, October 5, 19 and November 2, 16, 30 at 4:00.  
Adjourned 5:00 pm, sharp.

Assignments for the next meeting - analyze the community with relation to our goals for presentation to the group. Milevsko assigned to Jim, Gotenborg to Bill, Ingre to Kathy, Shanghai to Paul, Pontassieve to Christine, and Bango a Ripoli to Jerilyn. Paul was assigned to talk to Fr. Jim to verify attendance and Jim will talk to Tracy and Candy. Jim will print out the MEGTEC presentation for Jerilyn off the zip drive.

Respectfully submitted,

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