



CITY OF DE PERE

Sister Cities Committee
De Pere, WI 54115

Date: November 2, 2006

Committee Meeting

Kathy passed out packets of information with the agenda and a note from Mary.

Meeting called to order at 16:07 by Committee Chair Kathy VanVonderen in the Riverview room at city hall.

Attending: Jim Stupka, Larry Delo, Jerilyn Schad, Bill Patzke, Paul Kegel (late).

Absent: Fr Seamus Nielson, Lynn Lee, Ben Villarruel, Christine Fossen-Rades, Mary VanVonderen, Tracy Hopkins, Candy Heidersheid, Ron Baeten, Mayor Walsh.

Jim apologized for the mix up in the last minutes, no review due to the corrections needed. Revised minutes will be mailed ASAP. Short discussion on how the note from MEGTEC was not as positive as expected.

Kathy discussed the article posted in the journal. She has received several inquiries due to the publishing of the information. One contact Marsha Kellner regarding knowledge of a contact with a UWB professor, Sara Meridith, who is an opera singer from the Czech Republic that may be an outstanding resource. Jim needed to talk to Dr. VanSistine more. Aurora Health was excited about the invitation and expected to send someone. Joy Ferratz would send a medical professional to be a part of the committee. Bill sent a letter to Mac Dental and Performa and talked to Tom Murphy but has yet to receive a return call. Lori has provided a name of a senior who may be interested. Jim broached the idea with the Optimists. Kathy stated that she contacted Sam about the possibility of an international connection; he may be out of town. Kathy has a meeting with West De Pere counselor set for tomorrow to try and get the youth involved.

Discussion was initiated about the letter from Mary especially with regard to Milevsko. She had spoken to their representative who lived there for some time and the city is not as it was represented, it may not even have a hotel. Discussion devolved to the different areas already visited Czech republic, Italian cities, Ingre France, and the new city being proposed in Germany. Bill will research Maintal-Dornigheim. Jim had noted one in England and will do the research on that location. Kathy stated we should all go back and review other potential sites for a connection.

Paul stated Fox View was interested but could not make the meetings because of the timing. Bill will review Oceana (New Zealand). Paul needs to look at the Chinese connections in the Song Jaing district, now that we have the proper spelling. Kathy will look at Puyang.

(Break to council chambers) Review of the web site as proposed to be posted. Committee members wanted a contact us link, how you can get involved (to include financial help), other members interested, and suggestions. Kathy asked if we could get goals and activities placed somewhere out

there along with our completed application because we had spent so much time on these things. Jim asked who was going to develop these items; the comment was met with profound silence.

Mary, looking for additional support, will hopefully complete interview article. Discussions on what cities could present future connections; it was decided to go back to the sister web site for information that has interest to the committee. Kathy suggested she would go back to our Norbertine's about the Premonstatensians in the area to get more detail.

Meeting review: The group with regard to what had appeared to be a top choice expressed disappointment. Although not back to square one, Bill stated it was 'like having the rug pulled out from under you'.

Next meetings are scheduled for Thursday, November 16, 30 at 4:00. Adjourned 5:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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