

**Village of Hoffman Estates  
Sister Cities Commission  
Minutes  
Wednesday, February 15, 2023**

**Members in Attendance**

Jill Wood-Naatz, Vice Chair  
Jeff Howard  
Marcia Frank  
Terri Lamberti  
Cindy Ruszay  
Bob Dohn  
Anita Flanagan

**Members Absent**

Lisa Christie  
Lillian Mosier  
Ken Campbell  
Lily Rudnick  
Robin Jacobi  
Melissa Marscin  
Brianna Yarwood

**Staff Liaison in Attendance**

Debbie Schoop

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Vice-Chair Jill Wood-Naatz called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion by Terri Lamberti, seconded by Anita Flanagan, to approve the minutes of January 18, 2023. Voice vote taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

**3. CHAIRPERSON REPORT**

The Commission welcomed Sean Dove, the cartoon artist who attended the Comic Exchange in Angouleme in January. Sean reported on his experiences there. He taught at three elementary schools, did cartooning sessions at the festival and had a wonderful host family. Sean was very appreciative for the opportunity to attend and would gladly go back again.

Vice-Chair Jill Wood-Naatz reported that Lil Rudnick was still recuperating at Alden Poplar Creek and was hoping to be released to go home next week.

The Illinois Sister Cities State Convention will be held in Rockford on April 21 and 22 and if anyone would like to attend, let Lillian Mosier know. The flyer for "Is Fashion Art" event in May should be sent to Sue Minott, president of the Illinois Sister Cities.

**4. STAFF LIAISON REPORT**

None.

**5. CURRENT SUB-GROUP REPORTS**

**A. Special Projects**

The date for the spring program will be May 20. The article/flyer will be in the March/April *Citizen* newsletter and reservations are required and payment due in advance. Reservations will be taken beginning April 17 through May 10.

**B. Comic**

No report.

**C. French Evening**

Jill Wood-Naatz reported that \$150 was approved for each of the two musicians. Lillian did release the hold on the date at the Bridges of Poplar Creek. We don't know yet if Sylvain will attend. The Deputy Consul of France will attend the event in place of the Consul General, who is not able to attend.

**D. Culinary/Bon Appetit**

The culinary exchange will be April 15-22. Jill distributed three sign-up sheets for the potluck on April 16 at Jill's house, the pizza party on April 21 at the Yarwoods, and the kid's cooking class on April 18 at Village Hall.

Harper College withdrew from the cupcake competition. Elgin Community College will enter up to four teams.

Tate & Lyle will allow the French chef to use their kitchen for prep work.

Work assignments will be ready at the next meeting. There is a host family meeting on April 4. Melissa Marscin will work on gift bags. The itinerary for the week will be finalized soon.

**E. Rugby/Baseball/Football/Softball**

The Northwest Woodsman rugby team has not yet contacted the team from Angouleme. There is nothing else to report at this time.

**F. Runners**

The Angouleme runners will be here June 21 - 28, 2023. The Fit America race will take place on June 24, 2023 at Bell Works.

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Jeff Howard, seconded by Marcia Frank, to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 pm. Voice vote taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Jeff Howard.