

**Village of Hoffman Estates  
Sister Cities Commission  
Minutes  
Wednesday, April 12, 2023**

**Members in Attendance**

Lillian Mosier, Chair  
Jill Wood-Naatz, Vice Chair  
Jeff Howard  
Marcia Frank  
Terri Lamberti  
Robin Jacobi  
Bob Dohn  
Cindy Ruszay  
Lisa Christie  
Ken Campbell  
Brianna Yarwood

**Members Absent**

Lily Rudnick  
Anita Flanagan  
Melissa Marscin

**Staff Liaison in Attendance**

Debbie Schoop

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Lillian Mosier called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion by Ken Campbell, seconded by Cindy Ruszay, to approve the minutes of March 15, 2023. Voice vote taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

**3. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No public comments.

**4. CHAIRPERSON REPORT**

Lillian welcomed three runners, Christian, Mimi, and Barb, who recently traveled to Angouleme. They shared their experiences from the March/April Runners Exchange to Angouleme. Highlights from the exchange included getting to know the host families, the food, the race, and the company from the fellow Hoffman Estates runners. Appreciation was expressed for the generosity, kindness, and hard work of the host families and the Angouleme committee. The representatives from Hoffman Estates also got to meet runners from Angouleme's sister city in Germany. They expressed it was an amazing and incredible experience.

Suggestions for future exchanges included clarifying how to catch the train out of the station at the airport. We will try to get more information and tips from our Angouleme counterparts about navigating the trains.

Before the runners departed, Lillian shared details about the upcoming runners exchange from Angouleme this June. Christian and Mimi have graciously offered to host guests for the exchange and all are planning to participate in the Fit America race.

Lillian has been in contact with Jay Mathur about the state meeting. Unfortunately, we cannot attend the meeting because it coincides with our culinary exchange each year.

5. **STAFF LIAISON REPORT**

None.

6. **CURRENT SUB-GROUP REPORTS**

**A. Special Projects**

Registration for the May event, Is Fashion Art? has opened. The deadline to register is May 10. Commission members attending the event need to register.

Marcia spoke with Lil Rudnick and reported that she is doing much better and hopes to see the commission in May.

Lillian found French fashion books and gift boxes to give away at the event.

**B. Comic**

No report.

**C. French Evening**

Sylvain offered to come to the event with his wife and one pastry student. We are waiting to hear from the Comité de Jumelage for approval. If Sylvain is able to attend in October, he is interested in working to re-cultivate an exchange with the culinary programs at ECC or Harper. This could be a student exchange or instructor exchange.

**D. Culinary/Bon Appetit**

Lillian met with the Hoffman Estates Chamber of Commerce. They currently have 30 restaurants registered for Bon Appetit. The Sister Cities display will be set up in the center of the venue along with the cupcake competition. Lillian and Deb assembled a basket for the auction. It includes french themed items and four complimentary tickets to the May Sister Cities' event, Is Fashion Art?

Commission members are needed to help with the following:

4:15 - 5:30 -- Two people to sell raffle tickets: Lisa, Bob

Two people to give wristbands: Terri, Deb

One person to collect canned goods: Cindy

5:30 - 6:30 -- One person to do all three: Jill

Everyone else will help with the cupcake and wine area for set-up, during the event, and clean-up. The Commission was reminded to bring canned goods to the event.

The four cupcake competition finalists were selected last week. Each contestant will bring six full size cupcakes and two hundred mini ones. Each Bon Appetit guest gets one ballot to vote. Thanks to the Chamber for printing the ballots.

A map depicting Paris and Angouleme has been ordered. This will be displayed at our tables at Bon Appetit. The Village is providing three easels for the Sister Cities display.

Deb and Lillian unveiled a poster of Sylvain to be displayed with our tables at Bon Appetit to highlight his presence and work at the event.

If commission members are bringing a guest, they need to go online and purchase a ticket for the event.

The potluck is on April 16 at 5pm at Jill and Jim's house.

The farewell pizza party is on April 21 at 6pm at the Yarwoods'.

There are 12 students registered for the children's cooking class on April 18. Commission members helping with the event should arrive by 5:30 for dinner and set-up.

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

There is a new individual willing to communicate with the local rugby team on behalf of the French team. They are considering an exchange between the two rugby teams in July 2023. Ken offered the assistance of the commission to host a small event in support of the exchange.

**F. Runners**

The exchange dates are June 21 - June 28. The race is June 24. The potluck will be held on June 25. Lisa will reach out to David and Cheryl Rogan about hosting the party.

Cindy suggested looking to the Chicago Greeter program through the Chicago Architecture Center as an alternative to the more expensive tours.

Minute Man Press in Hoffman Estates provided a quote for racing shirts. For 12 shirts, it would be \$20 per shirt. The shirts would be one color and include printing in one color. The commission would prefer the shirts to be royal blue with white printing. The shirts could include the Hoffman Estates village logo and the Angouleme logo, along with a statement about sister cities on the back.

Lisa emailed Eric Peterson from the *Daily Herald* about featuring the recent runners exchange to Angouleme in the paper.

**6. NEW BUSINESS**

None.

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Robin Jacobi, seconded by Terri Lamberti, to adjourn the meeting at 8:48 p.m. Voice vote taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Brianna Yarwood.

*The next meeting of the Sister Cities Commission will be  
Wednesday, May 17th, 2022 at Village Hall.*