



Dane County

Minutes - Final Unless Amended by Committee

Kassel-Dane Sister County Task Force

Tuesday, January 19, 2016

5:30 PM

City-County Building Room 354

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A. Call To Order

Meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm.

Present 8 - CARL CHENOWETH, BILL CLAUSIUS, CHUCK ERICKSON, SCOTT MCDONELL, ANNE WEBER, CHARLES JAMES, GERHARD FISCHER, and ROE PARKER

Absent 3 - CYNDA SOLBERG, JERI SPRINGSTEAD, and JEAN TAYLOR ERICKSON

Others present: Karin Thurlow Peterson and Janice L. Lee

B. Consideration of Minutes

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A motion was made by CLAUSIUS, seconded by JAMES, that the Minutes be approved. The motion carried by a voice vote.

C. Action Item

1. Cultural exchange (artist(s) from Kassel coming here)

Erickson reported on a potential musical exchange. Jamie Kimber, Director of the Madison College Big Band, will host a jazz trio from Kassel. Erickson is also interested in a Chamber/Classical music exchange.

1A. Fund raising

Discussion ensued regarding a sub group to work on logistics about raising money. Con Vivo will play at a fundraiser event. Kassel may be able to provide some funding of future exchanges.

2. Student exchange - Gerard Fischer

Gerhardt Fischer from the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction, stated that, at this point, Kassel is not focusing on high school students. They are interested in an exchange for individuals in higher education.

If we press on with Dane County schools, it is a matter of individual student exchange. The best approach is to encourage Kassel and Dane County to use the state-sponsored program that exists.

3. Lake water quality exchange (someone from Kassel coming here) - Scott McDonell

McDonell said he has worked on an exchange regarding water quality in lakes. He would like to export some ideas such as the floating bog interceptors. He would like to have someone from Kassel to come here.

UW-Madison Professor Chin Wu may be able to host a student. Harold's help in Kassel is needed to move forward.

4. Dane County representatives to Kassel

There will be several visit to Kassel in the coming months:

Jeri Springstead, retired teacher from Wisconsin Heights, will lead a group of the parents of her former students.

Lauren Kuhl from the Board Office may be able to visit.

Eric Luendosky of the Freiburg Sister City will visit.

Jamie Kimber, the Madison College band director, will visit Kassel in advance of the exchange of musicians.

D. Other

1. Renewable energy round table

There was no discussion of this item.

2. Coordination with Freiburg Sister City group

Eric Luendosky will attend the next Kassel Task Force meeting. There is an interest in increasing the collaboration between the Sister City and Sister County groups, including:

- . Plan an annual business oriented meeting which includes a meal (plan a year in advance)*
- . Communicate with the Embassy in Chicago*
- . Obtain a speaker from Germany*
- . Have seminars*
- . Offer sponsorship opportunity for a small fee*

3. Wisconsin-Hessen partnership

There is a Wisconsin-Hessen relationship. The Dane County-Kassel Task Force could reach out to them.

4. German American Friendship Day

German-American Friendship Day is Thursday, October 6, 2016. There was some interest in planning an event.

E. Future Meeting Items and Dates

*Hessen's governor, Roland Koch will be coming here the week of May 1-4.
The Secretary of Education of Germany will be here Oct 17-19.
The 40th Anniversary of the Sister State relationship is also in October.*

F. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

There were no public comments on items not on the agenda.

G. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

There was no other business.

H. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 pm by unanimous consent.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Janice L. Lee, subject to task force approval.