



# Dane County

## Minutes - Final Unless Amended by Committee

### Kassel-Dane Sister County Task Force

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Wednesday, April 19, 2017

11:30 AM

CCB Room 357

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#### A. Call To Order

*Meeting was called to order at 11:30 a.m.*

**Present** 7 - CHUCK ERICKSON, SCOTT MCDONELL, ANNE WEBER, CHARLES JAMES, GERHARD FISCHER, ROE PARKER, and MARY KOLAR

**Excused** 5 - CARL CHENOWETH, CYNDA SOLBERG, BILL CLAUSIUS, JERI SPRINGSTEAD, and JEAN TAYLOR ERICKSON

*Others present: Fraire, Fischer-Hoyt, Baker, Kember, Bastian, and Lawandowsky*

#### B. Consideration of Minutes

[2017  
MIN-010](#)

KASSEL-DANE SISTER COUNTY TASK FORCE - MINUTES OF THE  
JANUARY 19, 2016 MEETING

**Attachments:** [2017 MIN-010: KASSEL-DANE](#)

A motion was made by PARKER, seconded by JAMES, that the Minutes be approved as amended to correct the spelling of Jamie Kember's name. The motion carried by a voice vote.

#### C. Presentations

##### 1. Madison College Big Band Trip to Kassel (Jamie Kember)

*Discussion Ensued:*

*Big Band – Jamie Kember addressed the task force.*

*The Big Band has eight performances set up; including in Kassel.*

*They will also do a jazz band clinic with high schools.*

*Mr. Kember is requesting support of the trip which is over \$100,000.*

*There are Kassel specific expenses.*

*Kassel will pay for instrument rentals and will also cover some motor coach charges*

*Parker compliments Kember on his part in keeping the relationship going. He suggested a reception once they return.*

## 2. Ancora Quartet Potential Trip to Kassel (Marika Fischer-Hoyt)

*Marika Fischer Hoyt with the Ancora String Quartet is a viola instructor and an active musician.*

*Her goal is to strengthen relationship with exchange, string quartet and a German mezzo soprano.*

*Will also offer master classes.*

*Requesting for support:*

- *Concert organizing*
- *Fundraising*
- *Publicity*

*This is for August and September of 2018.*

*Ms. Fischer Hoyt has been in touch with Harald Kuhlborn in Kassel.*

*Parker wondered if the task forces should be a co-sponsor.*

## 3. EUARCA+ Artists Representing Dane County (Brenda Baker, Jennika Bastian)

*Brenda Baker and Jennika Bastian addressed the task force.*

*Baker spoke of the concept of seeds and invasive specials – that seed have no borders. Given refugee crisis, seeds related to the lack of borders and what is considered invasive and what is productive. Her work is site specific. She expressed appreciation for the opportunity.*

*Bastian is the second artist going. She has a BA in Fine Arts from UW-Madison. Bastian also works as a freelance artist. She works with children and also creates exhibits. She has worked on murals. Her own artwork focuses on the space between dream and working. Her interpretation of "On the Run" is the imagination running freely as of an extension of the Brothers Grimm stories. She will create a series of oil painting one large piece. She is pleased to represent Dane County.*

## D. Action Items

[2017  
ACT-017](#)

SUPPORT FOR KASSEL INITIATIVES IN 2017

**Attachments:** [2017 ACT-017: MOTION FOR KASSEL EXPENDITURES](#)  
[2017 ACT-017: COPY OF BUDGET AMENDMENT](#)

*Motion by Erickson/McDonell to recommend to the Personnel and Finance Committee to allocate up to \$1,500 for the airline and train costs for artist Jennika Bastian to travel to Kassel, Germany to represent Dane County at the international EUARCA+ art show, with the remainder (if travel costs are less than \$1,500) to be available for other Kassel-Dane related initiatives in 2017 or carried forward into 2018. Be it further moved that \$1,000 be allocated to the Madison College Big Band to partially cover the cost of travel within Germany, allowing concerts in Kassel.*

**This Action Item was recommended for approval on a voice vote (7-0).**

## E. Reports to Committee

1. Updates from Committee Members on Upcoming Initiatives

*Erickson mentioned the Edgewood College initiative with documentation posters. They will be in Dane Arts gallery on first floor of City-County Building.*

*Erickson also spoke of a terminology graduate student exchange. He also mentioned the possibility of a student exchange as well as a business exchange.*

**F. Future Meeting Items and Dates**

**G. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda**

**H. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law**

*There was an agreement to take up such other business: Lewandowsky addressed the committee discussing Madison – Freiburg relationship. He addressed the task force regarding promoting German – American relations. He mentioned the strong triad:  
Wisconsin – Hessen  
Dane - Kassel  
Madison – Freiburg  
He suggested a coordinator's effort*

**I. Adjourn**

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