



Dane County

Minutes - Final Unless Amended by Committee

Kassel-Dane Sister County Task Force

Thursday, October 24, 2019

6:00 PM

City-County Building, Room 321

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A. Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m.

Present 5 - Supervisor CHUCK ERICKSON, CHARLES JAMES, ROE PARKER, Supervisor
JULIE SCHWELLENBACH, and JEAN TAYLOR ERICKSON

Excused 2 - Supervisor BILL CLAUSIUS, and Supervisor JASON KNOLL

Others present: L. Kuhl

B. Consideration of Minutes

1. [2019 MIN-184](#) MINUTES OF THE 7/24/19 KASSEL-DANE SISTER COUNTY TASK FORCE

Attachments: [2019 MIN-184](#)

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

C. Action Items

None

D. Presentations

None

E. Reports to Committee

Review Edgar Knecht Trio Visits

Discussion ensued:

What worked/What did not work?

All stayed downtown – worked well

Needed planning session for technology – there were things that didn't work due to miscommunication

Kassel paid for videographer - Question: Could the video be sent to the WI Film Festival? Courtney will make contact to find out more. More information to come

The personal space/time was positive – they had a chance to do things they wanted to do

The concert in Oregon had at least 80 people including German students enjoying the music. This was very successful

If there is another visit, focusing on the education can be provided (maybe one or two formal concerts). A consideration could be a concert at the Stoughton Opera House given the complications and we would need to do more promotions to match the audience.

It is believed that the Oregon facility was impressive for the Trio. In the future, we would look into the Hamel Center as a potential facility as well as the Waunakee Community Center.

Think about corporate opportunities to perform at and think about press connections for the future.

Supervisor, Erickson will be sending thank you notes and cards. Bring supply of materials (cards and flyer) to the next meeting. Supervisor, Erickson will be following up with Dominic on the video.

New Projects

Mark Fraire-David Wells meeting to get another visiting artist to participate different art events throughout Dane County

H.D. Tyle – well known throughout Europe – collaborate with the Groman in Milwaukee to do a shared exhibit – potentially 2021 or 2022

- Start with contacting MSOE – Parker will take first step

Grimm brothers prints were so successful because they were in a place visible to a lot of the public (such as the airport)

Would like to do something additional with the German-American Chamber of Commerce

Discussion around the potential to host someone from Kassel for 2-3 days maybe then they would go to Milwaukee

Erickson's conversation with Harold will be talking about the Madison College Big Band, potential host for delegation, Ancora Quartet, MadRep, Courtney is working on Instagram and weekly updates on Facebook

New Kassel-Dane Task Force Members

A community member and a referral from Zach Nelson-Houstian

Discussion around having mentors for new task force members

Brochure that explains what it means to be on the task force – Parker will create a draft and send to Courtney

Discussion ensued around framing what it means to be on the task force and roles

Discussion around the role of staff providing support for the task force

More with Freiburg and Hessen partnership

When touching base with potential new members, find out what their strengths and weaknesses are

Discussion around other potential members and including some from around the county not just Madison

Charles delivered the Jahrbucher's to each German teacher along with a letter and the booklet to provide exposure for the task force

F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

The next meeting will be held Thursday, December 5th at 6:00 p.m.

G. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

There were no public comment on Items not on the Agenda.

H. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

There was no such other business as Allowed by Law.

I. Adjourn

A motion was made by SCHWELLENBACH, seconded by PARKER, that the meeting be adjourned at 7:26 p.m. The motion carried by a voice vote.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Janice L. Lee, subject to approval by the committee.