

DRAFT Sister Cities Commission Meeting - June 1, 2017

I. **Call to Order:** 7:30PM by Co-Chair Herb Zuegel.

II. **Roll Call:**

Members Present - Chair Betty Henneman BH, Nadya Zimmerman NZ, Reta Kikutani RK, Marilyn Drury-Katillo MDK, Elfrieda Rieger ER, George Miler GM, Bernie Rouse BR, Barb & Herb Zuegel BZ&HZ.

- NZ described Anne Browne's travel travails.
- RK saw Arelene Kendzy who said personal busy-ness required curtailing their Commission activities. With regrets all around, BH said she would contact Ken Kendzy KK because his graphic arts talent was essential...even if he was unable to attend meetings.

III. **Discussion Items**

A. Kinver News: NZ had heard from Dominic Toni; he sends Greetings To All here from All There; he expects to be in P.R. this August; he was not invited to visit Mare; Gavin [their MP] is likely to be re-elected; Margaret Rogers [who does their local Newsletter] expects us to visit K this year. BH stated that folks in Kinver should be informed such was definitely not the case.

B. Summer Concert in Hodges Park:

1. June 30th, with an Americana theme, was chosen as the **Date** where the Commission would have a table, flags, etc.
2. BR agreed to write a half-page **Handout** describing the role & purpose of the Commission. BH will assist with the words & recruit KK for graphics. [See too Pub Dinner publicity below] Members present at the concert will distribute the Handout throughout the audience.
3. BH will contact Jack Miller JM about him arranging to speak from the **Podium**.
4. GM & JM will again set-up flags, table, etc. All members attending are asked to **Bring Food** to share & their own chairs. NZ's traditional summer beverage contribution was gratefully accepted.

C. British Pub Dinner:

1. The previously selected **Date, November 4, 2017**, was reconfirmed as best after discussion about alternatives due to possible competition from a MSW Trivia Event. The venue remains the Great Hall at the Community Church. The time will be 6PM-10PM, sitting down to eat at 7PM.
2. Sue Beaumont is continuing to pursue a few appropriate **Costumes** from High School District 207.
3. RK [& hopefully Peggy Sherman who helped BH before] will explore **Catering** vendor/price/service options before the next Commission meeting, e.g. typical British food [including Shepherds Pie + Brussels Sprouts] for 100, providing plates, flatware, etc. for buffet style with one attendant. Beverages will be supplied by the Commission.

4. BH enumerated the following **Other** items needing attention:

- Publicity - BH to put in upcoming Spokesman issues & Community Event calendars, plus recruit KK: (i) To make visually appealing a half-page write-up by BR for printing on the other side of the Handout to be distributed at the June 30, 2017 Hodges Park Concert [above]. (ii) To create imagery that will boost chances of publication as news stories in upcoming issues of the Park Ridge Journal & the Park Ridge Herald Advocate.
- Decorations - Undetermined
- Reservations - Hopefully Janet Miller as before.
- Program - NZ handling the British Trivia
- Set-up ahead / Clean-up after - GM kindly volunteered to lead, but will need all our help.
- Music - BR suggested "Chris," a great pianist she & BH know. Alternatively, the Zimmerman family musicians might be a possibility.
- Master of Ceremonies - Undetermined
- Beverages - JM & David H?

D. Wiesbaden Consideration:

GM & his wife, Debbie, remain interested in exploring this possibility in Germany with, say, another pair of Commission members. He wondered when the school kids from there would be visiting again here with their leader, Brigitte [sp?]. That was determined to likely be Fall 2018, since NZ reported booking twenty-some Maine South students going there with their teacher, Frau Wolf, leaving ORD on June 6, 2017. That opened the excellent opportunity of Frau Wolf presenting a letter to Brigitte, on Park Ridge City Stationery over BH' signature, explaining that even with recent unavoidable delays our interest remains strong, etc. Arrangements to make that happen were established.

E. Sister Cities International:

GM, using material from the above organization given him by BH, gave an overview along with gaining agreement it would be appropriate for the local Commission to occasionally get updates.

F. Fund Raising:

GM reminded members the Commission needs a regular boot-strap-type income source. If that is to be Calendars again for 2018, the time is now to start taking good, new photos, e.g. Concert in the Park, Pub Dinner [if it met print deadline], etc. Further discussion was deferred until the next meeting.

V. Next Meeting Date: July 13, 2017; 7:30PM; City Hall

VI. Adjournment: Unanimous at 9:00PM