

City of Naperville

*400 S. Eagle Street
Naperville, IL 60540*



Naperville

Meeting Minutes - Final

Wednesday, May 17, 2023

6:30 PM

Lunchroom

Sister Cities Commission

A. CALL TO ORDER:**B. ROLL CALL:**

PRESENT (5) - Lance Fuhrer, Tony Chamberlain, Yugin Wang, James Alan Lowe and Arun Mani

ABSENT (4) : Bill Donofrio, Becky Rudolph, Neelam Saboo, and Sophia Luo

STUDENTS REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT (2): Mommad Kahn and Zachary Wu

STAFF PRESENT: Rachel Pruneda

C. PUBLIC FORUM:

A group from Slovak Academy of Chicago spoke under public forum to introduce themselves. They wanted to introduce collaborating on an idea to celebrate 30 years of Naperville being Sister Cities with Nitra, Slovakia. Slovak Academy is a weekend-based school that teaches the Slovak language, literature, history, geography and religious education. They are approved and accredited by the Illinois State Board of Education.

D. OLD BUSINESS:**E. REPORTS:**

Approve Sister Cities Commission minutes of April 12, 2023

The Sister Cities minutes of April 12 was approved by voice vote. Motion passes.

Received and file the Treasurer's Report for April 2023

Receive and file the Treasurer's Report. Sister Cities started with a balance of \$3,350 and to date has spent \$139 on Website Licensing Fees with a remaining balance of \$3,211.00

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT - LANCE FUHRER

SISTER CITIES UPDATE - COMMISSIONER ALAN LOWE

SISTER CITIES FOUNDATION UPDATE - SHAFEEK ABUBAKER

Shafeek Abubaker provided an update on the Hispanic Festival. He shared a google sheet with everyone. Tasks have been assigned to Foundation members and Commissioners. :

Chairman Fuhrer will work on a flyer. Neelam Saboo has been added as an administrator on the facebook group.

Becky Rudolph - Website
Alan Lowe - Marketing work
Tony Chamberlain - Google Drive

Dj, Entertainers and vendors are still being worked out.

Fees for Merchandise Vendors is \$75. Fee for food Vendors is \$100

F. NEW BUSINESS:

Tony Chamberlain and Arista Wang attended the Illinois Sister Cities Conference in Rockford and provided an update.

Tony Chamberlain reported that Highland Park has done a tremendous job with their Sister Cities. They have an Adult Literacy Program, Cooking classes, and they sponsor a Youth Festival. We should really look into all of the things they have done for some ideals and goals for our Sister Cities.

Tony Chamberlain stated that Carol Wolfe, Illinois Sister Cities Association President would like to meet with us. We will reach out to arrange a future meeting.

G. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn meeting at 7:32 pm.

/s/Rachel Pruneda
Rachel Pruneda