

Minutes Sister City Commission Meeting Thursday, 1 May 2025

Present: Alex Brown, Tina Darnell, Casey Deter, Andy Flachs, Jerry Holzgrafe, Mecki Kosin, Andrew Maas, Signe Oakley, Judy Percy, Kelly Stupasky, and Conny Gerhardt.

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 PM by Mecki in the second-floor meeting room of Quincy City Hall.

Approval of the minutes of April 3rd, 2025, meeting on a motion by Nickie (Kelly).

Public Comment: None

Old Business

Germanfest Logo: Signe presented the winner of the logo contest, Faith Vanhecke, a check for \$100. WGEM staff recorded the presentation.

Student Exchange Program:

- The German guests arrived in Quincy, with a 2-hr delay, around midnight on Sunday, April 27th.
- Hendrik and Constance gave us a card and a bag of Lindt Lindor Milk Chocolate Truffles to thank us for our support.
- The Justin Vonderhaar family invited everyone to their cookout on Saturday, May 3rd, at 5 pm located in their “Red Barn” on Koettters Lane. Attendees were requested to bring in a covered dish.
- The students and their teachers will attend a council meeting and visit the John Wood Mansion. More events are on the itinerary.

New Business: Germanfest

Resignation: With regret the commissioners accepted Jerry’s resignation. Jerry was present to announce this and explained that his decision was a difficult one. He assured us he will still volunteer during future Germanfests.

Fundraising: Signe reported that almost all former sponsors have been contacted. So far, we are down \$4,000 in sponsorships compared to last year.

Entertainment: Mecki reported that a \$900 contract with the group Wir Tanzen has been signed.

Vendors: Underbrink, Melton, HyVee, Snow Biz (shaved ice) and Pepsi (soda wagon).

Kinderplatz:

- Nickie reported that we need money for prizes. A motion by Andy (Mecki) to earmark \$1,000 for Kinderplatz prizes was passed.
- The library, Quincy Children's Museum and the Art Center are all ready to go.
- Niemann Foods provides 9 dozen cookies and \$250 to use at Kinderplatz.

Volunteers:

- Nickie mentioned that she has recruited 10-12 Mendon cheerleaders to work in the soda truck and at Kinderplatz. They will be working on Saturday from 3 pm to 7 pm. A motion by Andy (Casey) to give the Mendon Cheerleaders \$350 toward their program passed.
- Casey is in the process of making links for volunteer sign up (Monkey Survey).

Marketing:

- We are not going to contact STAR radio and spend \$250 on ads this year.
- Logo posters are needed to advertise around the community in businesses and other establishments.
- Classique Signs & Engraving is going to change the dates on the signs.

Beer/Wine: Market Place Selection will bring in Augustiner Brau (originally from München!).

Inventory: Mecki and Kelly will check our storage area in the city hall basement and take inventory.

Tent, tables and chairs: Casey reported that Engelmeier has the tent, chairs and tables ready to go.

Late additions to the agenda:

Insurance: Andy reported that Winter's Insurance offered the best bid for event- and liquor insurance. A motion by Andy (Nickie) to pay \$1487 to Winter's Insurance was passed.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 6:01 pm on a motion by Nickie (Casey)

Next meeting date: 22 May, at 5 pm in City Hall.

Respectfully submitted on 20 May 2025, by Conny Gerhardt, Secretary