



Burlington Mundialization Committee Meeting

Minutes

Date: May 1, 2019
Time: 7:00 pm
Location: Room 305, Level 3, City Hall
426 Brant Street, Burlington, Ontario

1. Members Present:

Ed Dorr (Chair), Hassan Raza (Vice Chair), Brianna Jennings, Sabrina Yott, Ryan Martin, Michael Pavan, Anne Koopman, Mile Ross, Johanna Haan, Rob Lyng, Marybeth Curtin, Shadi Salehian, Krista Papavasiliou

2. Member Regrets:

Kristin Demeny, Judith Genis, Siddhim Gupta, Chuck Morris

3. Others Present:

Councillor Rory Nisan, Mana Sawamori, Lisa Palermo (Clerk)

4. Declarations of Interest:

None.

5. Approval of Minutes:

5.1 Minutes from meeting the held April 3, 2019 were approved.

6. Delegation(s):

None.

7. Regular Items:

7.1 Apeldoorn subcommittee update

Anne provided the subcommittee update:

- Pineland student trip to Queen's Park is finalized. They will bring their artwork to display and present reflecting the theme of peace.

- Highschool student exchange program planning continues. Apeldoorn students will visit Burlington Oct. 4-15 and Burlington students will visit Apeldoorn Apr. 28-May 11, 2020. The subcommittee continues to look for billet homes for the visiting students.
- Dutch-Indonesian night will be held again in the fall. Community room bookings are not yet available. More information to come.
- An international youth conference will once again be held in Apeldoorn in May 2020. Miles attended three youth conferences in the past. Burlington hosted conferences in 2007 and 2010 while Apeldoorn hosted in 2000 and 2002. The 2020 conference will be held in Apeldoorn and organized by the Liberation Foundation.
- Canada Netherlands Friendship Day planning complete. Hassan and Charlie promoted the event on Dutch Touch Radio (1320AM) on April 13.

7.2 Itabashi subcommittee update

Rob provided the subcommittee update:

- Rob relayed that it was the first day of the Reiwa era in Japan. The name of the new era to coincide with the new Emperor of Japan.
- Sakura event planning complete. The facebook event recorded 1000 individuals indicating they were interested in the event. A few members of the committee and subcommittee will wear kimonos and yukatas at the event.
- The student art exchange is on display at the Art Gallery of Burlington for the month of May in the BCE gallery. Mana has also displayed 2 calligraphy scrolls.
- The Itabashi garden public information centre was attended by approx. 35 residents and was well received by all.
- the Japanese movie screening of Thermae Romae at the Burlington Public Library was attended by approx. 15 individuals. In future it is suggested that a facebook event be created for all mund activities.
- The next information night for the citizen trip to Japan will be held on May 23 at City Hall. The subcommittee is still looking for more interested residents.
- MOTION: to approve up to \$700 to run a second ad in the Post advertising the citizen tour to Itabashi. Carried.

7.3 United Nations subcommittee update

Sabrina provided the subcommittee update

- Planning continues for the first ever elementary school model UN event to be held at John William Boich elementary with participation from grade 6-8 students. The topic of discussion will be climate change as chosen by the students and they will represent 7 countries during their break out sessions.
- Dr. Kubursi has been confirmed as the keynote speaker
- The highschool art contest had limited submissions and so the date has been extended.
- the subcommittee continues to discuss what community engagement opportunities they will participate in this year. Considerations include One Burlington and Love My Hood events.
- MOTION: to spend \$150 to host a microsite for the UN subcommittee to allow them to reach a broader community and to assist with the highschool model UN event registration and access to information. Carried.

8. Other Business:

8.1 New twinning relationship

Hassan suggested meeting with Councillor Nisan and clerks department staff to outline the process for pursuing a new twinning relationship in advance of a new subcommittee meeting. Hassan will establish a date to meet with staff in the next few weeks.

9. Adjournment: 8:35 p.m.