



Burlington Mundialization Committee Meeting

Minutes

Date: October 2, 2019
Time: 7:00 pm
Location: Room 247, Level 2, City Hall

1. Members Present:

Ed Dorr (Chair), Rob Lyng, Miles Ross, Anne Koopman, Marybeth Curtin, Brianna Jennings, Chuck Morris, Michael Pavan, Shadi Salehian

2. Member Regrets:

Hassan Raza, Johanna Hann, Sabrina Yott, Siddhim Gupta, Judith Genis, Ryan Martin , Krisin Demeny

3. Others Present:

Dan McNeil (Wood Carvers Guild), Eric Lim, Councillor Rory Nisan, Suzanne Gillies (Clerk)

4. Declarations of Interest:

None.

5. Approval of Minutes:

5.1 Approve minutes from meeting held September 4, 2019

Minutes from the meeting held September 4, 2019 were approved as amended.

6. Delegation(s):

7. Regular Items:

7.1 Itabashi subcommittee meeting

Rob provided the subcommittee update:

- Chuck Morris has announced that he is resigning from the committee. Rob thanked him for his years of volunteering.
- Dan McNeil representing the wood carvers guild displayed gift items that were made from the sakura trees that were removed from Spencer Smith Park. The guild is working with the Art Gallery of Burlington to establish a permanent area/shelf for the items made from the sakura trees.
- Upcoming events include
 - The Ikebana workshop on Friday September 27 at Aldershot Library is full with 15 attending and 5 on a wait list.
 - On October 8 at 7pm at Central Library, guest speaker Toshi Aoyagi will provide a talk on Japanese woodblock prints.
 - Engaged Buddhism discussion at Central Library on October 30 at 7pm.
 - Japanese Tea Ceremony at Central Library on November 2 at 1pm
- Rob requested a meeting with communication staff to develop a template for upcoming events. Suzanne will arrange a meeting.
- Official and Citizen visit to Itabashi is coming up on October 15.
- The student exchange from Japan was a huge success. The highlight was the show after the day with Student Theatre.

7.2 Apeldoorn subcommittee meeting

Anne provided the subcommittee update:

- The student exchange from Apeldoorn will arrive on October 5.
- On May 2, 2020 to May 11, students from Burlington will travel to Apeldoorn.
- Currently working on confirming schools for the pen pal and art exchange, Pineland School is confirmed. The theme of the art is 'what does peace mean to you'. Art from Burlington students that is going to Apeldoorn will be hung in the Het Loo Palace.
- There are 3 students committed for the international youth exchange, there is still room for a 4th student. The school board does not support this initiative due to students being billeted.

- The official delegation, youth conference and youth delegation will all be in Apeldoorn at the same time. For information about the youth conference www.iyc-2020.nl
- The citizen delegation will travel to Apeldoorn in May 2020 there is a committee in Apeldoorn currently working on the program.
- The tentative date for Canada Netherlands Friendship day is May 30 at Tansley Woods or the Art Gallery.
- Work is underway to design a commemorative pin for the 15th anniversary of twinning.
- Dutch-Indonesian game night is on Saturday November 2 at the Seniors' Centre. \$40.00 tickets, dinner, games, and a silent auction to raise money to help cover the costs of the student exchange.

7.3 United Nations subcommittee meeting

Shadi provided the subcommittee update:

- Model UN Day is taking place at Robert Bateman High School on October 24. Registration is open, 75 students have already registered but hoping for 300.
- The Lieutenant Governor of Ontario Elizabeth Dowdeswell is confirmed as the guest speaker.
- Chair training is happening on Saturday with about 26 students.
- The conference theme is education and the itinerary of the day is complete.
- The committee has discussed designing a pin for the conference next year.
- Michael and Anne volunteered to help with purchasing snacks for the students including fruit, muffins and juice boxes.
- Suzanne to check to make sure the link to register on the poster is correct.

8. Other Business:

- Rob brought up the idea of having a summary or running list of upcoming events that the committee is hosting. The list would serve as a quick reference guide and insure that events are not being booked at the same time as other events.

- Next meeting is November 6 at City Hall at 7pm in room 247.
- December 4 meeting will be held at Pepperwoods and will begin at 6pm.

9. Adjournment:

Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m.