

International Cultural Exchange Committee

A Subcommittee of Geneva's Strategic Planning Advisory Committee (SPAC)

Geneva City Hall

22 South First Street, Geneva, IL 60134

Wednesday, August 2, 2022 at 5:15 p.m.

Minutes

Call to Order-The meeting was called to order at 5:20 p.m. Attendees were Cynthia Albright, Pam Cabeen, Angela Chalberg Pool (remote), Larry Johnson, Mary Jane Johnson, Lisa Murphy, and Denise Snyder.

Approval of Minutes-Larry motioned for approval of the minutes and Pam seconded the motion. Minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report-Angela reported the balance in the account remains at \$2,651.66.

Art on Fire-Cynthia reported ICEC received one submission from 6th grader, Emilia Amaya. Her submission was entitled *Great Getaway*. The hydrant is located at Fargo Blvd. and Brigham Ct. Emilia will receive a monetary award in the form of Geneva gift certificates for her submission.

ECI Summer Visits- Pam reported the ECI visits for Getting to Know Geneva went very well. Between 45-50 students participated in the two events. The students enjoyed a tour of Geneva High School as well as mini golf at Wheeler Park, Aurelio's pizza, and Graham's ice cream. Angela mentioned monies allotted for the ECI visits will need to be increased as expenses have surpassed the amount. Larry motioned additional incremental funds be approved and Mary Jane seconded the motion. Motion was passed.

AFS Welcome at City Hall-The AFS exchange students for the 2022-2023 school year will be welcomed to Geneva at 6:30 p.m. on September 19th at City Hall. The students and host parents will gather at the gazebo on the west side of City Hall. The students will be given the opportunity to meet Geneva's city officials and enjoy an ice cream treat. When the Geneva City Council meeting begins at 7:00 p.m. the students will be given certificates of welcome by Mayor Burns. Mary Jane will arrange for students and families to attend as well as a representative from AFS.

Croissy Delegation-ICEC will host Croissy visitors from September 30th -October 4th. Plans are a bit tenuous until Cynthia receives the exact count of participants. At this point there are two visitors. Larry suggested August 29th be established as a deadline for the confirmation of visitors.

Plans will likely include a welcome reception at the Albright home on Friday, September 30th. Saturday may include a private tour of the Geneva Public Library followed by a light lunch at the historic home of David and Alexia Monaco. The afternoon can be spent at leisure or visiting a local point of interest. Saturday evening will be spent with the host families.

A cruise on the St. Charles Belle is anticipated for Sunday afternoon. Sunday evening will consist of a progressive dinner. Denise has volunteered to host for the appetizer portion of the dinner.

Monday morning was suggested for a visit to the Geneva Arts Center with possible light breakfast fare and a visit to Larry Johnson's sculpture studio.

Monday afternoon may be suitable for leisure time or an activity of choice. The Gala Dinner will be Monday evening. The venue is to be determined.

Cynthia, Pam, and Angela shared many ideas based on previous visits with Croissy folks. Again, until an exact number of visitors is established plans remain tentative.

Lisa motioned the 2022 Croissy visit follow the monetary guidelines set by previous visits. Denise seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Friendraiser-Cynthia and Pam have been working on a friendraiser. The St. Charles Belle is being considered. More information will follow.

Foreign Film Sundays-*Monsieur Lazhar* will be featured as August's foreign film on August 21st at 1:00 p.m.

Next Meeting Date-Due to conflicting schedules for the ICEC board members, a meeting date has not been set. Board members will work individually or in small groups to finalize plans for the Croissy visit.

Adjournment-Larry motioned for adjournment of the meeting and Pam seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Jane Johnson

