

International Cultural Exchange Committee
Subcommittee of Geneva's Strategic Advisory Committee (SPAC)
Geneva City Hall COUNCIL CHAMBERS (2nd floor)
22 South First Street, Geneva, IL 60134
Thursday, May 26, 2022
Minutes

CALL TO ORDER-The meeting was called to order at 5:22 p.m. Cynthia Albright, Pam Cabeen, Angela Chalberg Pool, Larry Johnson, Mary Jane Johnson, Lisa Murphy, and Denise Snyder were in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES-Denise motioned the minutes from the February 23rd meeting be approved. Angela seconded the motion. Minutes were approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT-Angela reported no change to the treasury balance. She did state the GoDaddy account will need to be renewed in June.

TERMS EXPIRING-The terms of president, vice-president, and treasurer expired on April 30th. The current officers have agreed to continue in their positions. Mary Jane motioned for approval to reinstate the officers and Lisa seconded the motion. Officers were reinstated.

ART ON FIRE-Cynthia and Pam reported ICEC in collaboration with the City of Geneva and the Cultural Arts Commission will offer a special award category for students currently in grades 6-8 who participate in the City's 2022 Art on Fire program. ICEC has chosen two specific themes for this contest: Celebration of Geneva's partnership with Croissy-sur-Seine, and International Friendship. Participation details and applications are available on the city website. ICEC will award several prizes for the top contenders. Cynthia and Pam have delivered flyers to the middle schools. The board suggested placing flyers at the Geneva Park District and the Geneva Public Library.

ICEC FLYER-Lisa reported the ICEC flyer will be completed over the summer months.

UPDATE FROM CROISSY-Cynthia reported Croissy sans Frontieres will experience a change in leadership. Rene will step down as president at the end of his term. Natacha will assume that position. Jony will continue to serve as liason with ICEC.

CROISSY DELEGATION FALL VISIT-A delegation visit is slated for September 30th-October 4th providing there is enough interest.

ICEC/CROISSY SIGN-Due to the exorbitant expense, the ICEC/Croissy sign project has been tabled.

VIDEO PLANNING-Larry reported on his meeting with Ben McCready regarding the creation of a co-sponsored video between ICEC and the City of Geneva promoting international awareness. Larry stated Ben was very excited about the project. Larry subsequently met with Cynthia and Pam who suggested the video be focused on the accomplishments of ICEC and their partnership with Croissy. Larry requested more discussion by the board at the next meeting.

The board did agree a reception/ice cream social to welcome AFS exchange students and their host families to Geneva at a City Council board meeting would be a good idea. Mary Jane will discuss this idea with AFS, and Denise will communicate the idea to the city.

ECl SUMMER-Pam reported there will be two groups of ECI students this summer. The first group consisting of 15 students will visit from July 7th-27th. The second group of 10 students will visit from July 31st-August 19th. Pam motioned a total of \$200 be allotted for the summer programs. Larry seconded the motion and the motion passed.

ICEC WEBSITE UPDATE-The ICEC flyer will be added to the ICEC website upon completion. Cynthia reported the welcome page is in need of updating.

FOREIGN FILM SUNDAYS-The next film will be shown on June 12th. The film's title is Becoming Astrid. It is a Swedish movie.

NEXT MEETING DATE-The next ICEC meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 5th or Wednesday, July 6th, 2022.

ADJOURNMENT-Lisa motioned for adjournment and Denise seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 6:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Jane Johnson