

Hartford Sister City Committee

Jan. 15, 2019

Meeting Minutes

Present: Allison Litten, Jameson Davis, Joan Ponzoni, Laura Cooney, Skye Murray, Gayle Ottoman, Scott Tarbox, Brett Mayfield

Meeting called to order at 5:21.

First item of business was to approve request for reimbursement from Allison Litten for \$189.90 from FarmWay for gifts for the Cenon Hosts from the Nov. visit. Motion made and approved for full reimbursement from our funds.

We then discussed potential of Sister City with Portugal city that would be a “cousin city” to us, since they are already a sister city with Cenon. They have a large interest in Legos, and we spoke of having an “informal relationship” at this point as we focus on getting off the ground as a solid committee before adding another formal relationship. We spoke of ways to connect around Legos.

We then moved into a final discussion of our PowerPoint for the Selectboard and assigned roles. Thanks were given to Allison and Jameson also for helping create PowerPoint.

We discussed how to better connect with Cenon schools as Scott Tarbox has gotten a lot of support for starting an exchange with Cenon, stating administration has been “super supportive”. Brett will speak with a Judo contact about this, and Joan has been trying to get a contact from Laila.

We started discussion about getting a “budget” from the town, and spoke about needing a petition of 5% of voters for an appropriation, but this would be for 2020. We have a few folks able to be at an informational table at Town and School Meeting Day on March 2nd from 9 to 10 am (Coffee with Committees) (Thank you Joan and Laura).

We moved to approve minutes from last meeting and we set our next meeting date at March 19, 5:15pm